# Package: fastverse (via r-universe)

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Description Easy installation, loading and management, of high-performance packages for statistical computing and data manipulation in R. The core 'fastverse' consists of 4 packages: 'data.table', 'collapse', 'kit' and 'magrittr', that jointly only depend on 'Rcpp'. The 'fastverse' can be freely and permanently extended with additional packages, both globally or for individual projects. Separate package verses can also be created. Fast packages for many common tasks such as time series, dates and times, strings, spatial data, statistics, data serialization, larger-than-memory processing, and compilation of R code are listed in the README file: <a href="https://github.com/fastverse/fastverse#suggested-extensions">https://github.com/fastverse/fastverse#suggested-extensions</a>.

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## **Description**

The *fastverse* is an extensible suite of R packages, developed independently by various people, that jointly contribute to the objectives of:

- 1. Speeding up R through heavy use of compiled code (C, C++, Fortran)
- 2. Enabling more complex statistical and data manipulation operations in R
- 3. Reducing the number of dependencies required for advanced computing in R

Inspired by the tidyverse package, the fastverse package is a flexible package loader and manager that allows users to put together their own 'verses' of packages and load them with library(fastverse).

fastverse installs 4 core packages (data.table, collapse, kit and magrittr) that provide native C/C++ code of proven quality, work well together, and enable complex statistical computing and data manipulation - with only Rcpp as an additional dependency.

fastverse also allows users to freely (and permanently) extend or reduce the number of packages in the *fastverse*. An overview of high-performing packages for various common tasks is provided in the **README** file. An overview of the package and the different ways to extend the *fastverse* is provided in the vignette.

#### Functions in the fastverse Package

Functions to extend or reduce the number of packages in the *fastverse* - either for the session or permanently - and to restore defaults.

```
fastverse_extend()
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```

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Function to display conflicts for *fastverse* packages (or any other attached packages)

```
fastverse_conflicts()
```

Function to update fastverse packages (and dependencies) and install (missing) packages

```
fastverse_update()
fastverse_install()
```

Utilities to retrieve the names of *fastverse* packages (and dependencies), their update status, and produce a situation report

```
fastverse_packages()
fastverse_deps()
fastverse_sitrep()
```

Function to create a fully separate extensible meta-package/verse like fastverse

```
fastverse_child()
```

#### fastverse Options

- options(fastverse.quiet = TRUE) will disable all automatic messages (including conflict reporting) when calling library(fastvsers), fastverse\_extend, fastverse\_update(install = TRUE) and fastverse\_install.
- options(fastverse.styling = FALSE) will disable all styling applied to text printed to the console.
- options(fastverse.extend = c(...)) can be set before calling library(fastvsers) to extend the fastverse with some packages for the session. The same can be done with the fastverse\_extend function after library(fastvsers), which will also populate options("fastverse.extend").
- options(fastverse.install = TRUE) can be set before library(fastverse) to install any missing packages beforehand. See also fastverse\_install.

## fastverse Harmonizations

There are 3 internal clashes between collapse::funique and kit::funique, collapse::fduplicated and kit::fduplicated, and collapse::fdroplevels and data.table::fdroplevels. The *collapse* versions take precedence in all cases as they provide greater performance.

fastverse\_child

Create a new (descendant) verse of packages

## **Description**

Creates and installs a fully customizable descendant verse of packages that is itself extensible and inherits 90% of the functionality of the fastverse package.

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## Usage

```
fastverse_child(
  name,
  title,
  pkg,
  maintainer,
  version = "0.1.0",
  dir = ".",
  theme = c("fastverse", "tidyverse"),
  install = TRUE,
  keep.dir = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

name character. The name of the child-verse e.g. 'myMLverse'.

title character. The title of the child-verse e.g. 'My Machine Learning Verse'.

pkg character. A vector of core packages for the new verse.

maintainer character. A quoted person statement giving the package maintainer. If you

do not intend to substantially modify the code of the resulting source package,

role = "cre" is appropriate. See Examples.

version character. A quoted version number for the new package.

dir character. The directory in which a source directory dir/name for the package

will be created.

theme character. Set the colour-theme for text printed to the console. The options are

"fastverse" or "tidyverse".

install logical. TRUE installs the package using install.packages(dir/name, repos

= NULL, type = "source", ...).

keep.dir logical. FALSE will remove the source directory (dir/name) again after installa-

tion.

... further arguments to install.packages.

#### **Details**

This function creates and installs a source package according to the users specification. For that it downloads the 'child' branch of the GitHub repository, which was specifically set up to produce a new verse, unzips it into a source directory, and substitutes the user inputs into the files. The package is then installed from source, and (optionally) the source directory is removed again.

fastverse children inherit 90% of the functionality of the fastverse package: they are not permanently globally extensible and can not bear children themselves, but can be configured for projects (using a .name config file) and extended in the session. Use of this function requires an internet connection but no additional R packages (like devtools, remotes or roxygen2).

## Value

fastverse\_child returns NULL invisibly.

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## See Also

fastverse\_extend, fastverse

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:

fastverse_child(
   name = "tsverse",
   title = "Time Series Package Verse",
   pkg = c("xts", "roll", "zoo", "tsbox", "urca", "tseries", "tsutils", "forecast"),
   maintainer = 'person("GivenName", "FamilyName", role = "cre", email = "your@email.com")',
   dir = "C:/Users/.../Documents",
   theme = "tidyverse")

## End(Not run)
```

fastverse\_conflicts

Conflicts between the fastverse and other packages

# Description

This function lists all the conflicts among *fastverse* packages and between *fastverse* packages and other attached packages. It can also be used to check conflicts for any other attached packages.

# Usage

```
fastverse_conflicts(pkg = fastverse_packages())
```

## **Arguments**

pkg

character. A vector of packages to check conflicts for. The default is all *fastverse* packages.

#### **Details**

There are 3 internal conflicts in the core *fastverse* which are not displayed by fastverse\_conflicts():

- collapse::funique and collapse::fdupliacted mask kit::funique and kit::fduplicated. If both packages are detached, *collapse* is attached after *kit*. In general, the *collapse* versions are faster and a bit more versatile. The *kit* versions are also very fast and additionally supports matrices!
- collapse::fdroplevels masks data.table::fdroplevels. The former is faster and supports arbitrary data structures, whereas the latter has options to exclude certain levels from being dropped.

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#### Value

An object of class 'fastverse\_conflicts': A named list of character vectors where the names are the conflicted objects, and the content are the names of the package namespaces containing the object, in the order they appear on the search path.

#### See Also

fastverse

## **Examples**

```
# Check conflicts between fastverse packages and all attached packages
fastverse_conflicts()

# Check conflicts among all attached packages
fastverse_conflicts(rm_stub(search()[-1], "package:"))
```

fastverse\_deps

List all fastverse dependencies

## Description

Lists all *fastverse* dependencies and the local and repository (e.g. CRAN) versions of packages and dependencies.

## Usage

```
fastverse_deps(
  pkg = fastverse_packages(),
  recursive = FALSE,
  repos = getOption("repos"),
  include.self = FALSE,
  check.deps = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

pkg character vector of packages to check dependencies and versions of. The default

is all fastverse packages.

recursive logical. TRUE recursively determines all packages required to operate these pack-

ages. FALSE will only list the packages and their direct dependencies.

repos character vector. Base URL(s) of the repositories to use, e.g., the URL of a

CRAN mirror such as "https://cloud.r-project.org". The macro .fastverse\_repos

contains the URL of the fastverse r-universe server to check/install the develop-

ment version of packages.

include.self logical. TRUE also includes the fastverse package and checks against the reposi-

tory version.

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check.deps logical. FALSE will not determine dependencies but only display the update status of packages in pkg.

status of packages in pro

#### Value

A data frame giving the package names, the repository and local version, and a logical variable stating whether the local version is behind the repository version.

## See Also

```
fastverse_sitrep, fastverse
```

fastverse\_detach

Detach (fastverse) packages

## **Description**

Detaches (fastverse) packages, removing them from the search path.

## Usage

```
fastverse_detach(
    ...,
    unload = FALSE,
    force = FALSE,
    include.self = TRUE,
    session = FALSE,
    permanent = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

comma-separated package names, quoted or unquoted, or vectors of package names. If left empty, all packages returned by fastverse\_packages are detached. unload logical. TRUE also unloads the packages using detach(name, unload = TRUE). logical. should a fastverse package be detached / unloaded even though other force attached packages depend on it? include.self logical. TRUE also includes the fastverse package - only applicable if ... is left empty. session logical. TRUE also removes the packages from options ("fastverse.extend"), so they will not be attached again with library(fastverse) in the current session. If . . . is left empty and include.self = TRUE, this will clear all fastverse options set for the session.

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permanent

logical. if ... are used to detach certain packages, permament = TRUE will disable them being loaded the next time the *fastverse* is loaded. This is implemented via a config file saved to the package directory. Core *fastverse* packages can also be detached in this way. To add a package again use extend\_fastverse(..., permanent = TRUE). The config file can be removed with fastverse\_reset.

#### Value

fastverse\_detach returns NULL invisibly.

## See Also

```
fastverse_extend, fastverse
```

fastverse\_extend

Extend the fastverse

## **Description**

Loads additional packages as part of the *fastverse*. By default only for the session, but extensions can be saved up to reinstallation/updating of the *fastverse* package.

## Usage

```
fastverse_extend(
    ...,
    install = FALSE,
    permanent = FALSE,
    check.conflicts = !isTRUE(getOption("fastverse.quiet")),
    topics = NULL,
    repos = getOption("repos")
)
```

## **Arguments**

... comma-separated package names, quoted or unquoted, or vectors of package

names.

install logical. Install packages not available?

permanent logical. Should packages be saved and included when library(fastverse) is

called next time? Implemented via a config file saved to the package directory. The file will be removed if the *fastverse* is reinstalled, and can be removed without reinstallation using fastverse\_reset. Packages can be removed from the

config file using fastverse\_detach(..., permanent = TRUE).

check.conflicts

logical. Should conflicts between extension packages and attached packages be checked?

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topics depreciated argument used to bulk-attach or install suggested extension pack-

ages prior to v0.3.0.

repos character vector. Base URL(s) of the repositories to use, e.g., the URL of a

CRAN mirror such as "https://cloud.r-project.org". The macro .fastverse\_repos

contains the URL of the fastverse r-universe server to check/install the develop-

ment version of packages.

#### **Details**

The *fastverse* can be extended using a free choice of packages. An overview of high-performing packages for various tasks is provided in the **README** file.

When the *fastverse* is extended calling fastverse\_extend(...), the packages that are not attached are attached, but conflicts are checked for all specified packages. If permanent = FALSE, an options("fastverse.extend") is set which stores these extension packages, regardless of whether they were already attached or not. When calling fastverse\_packages, fastverse\_deps, fastverse\_conflicts, fastverse\_update, fastverse\_sitrep or fastverse\_detach, these packages are included as part of the *fastverse*. This is also the case if permanent = TRUE, with the only difference that instead of populating the option, a file is saved to the package directory such that the packages are also loaded (as part of the core *fastverse*) when calling library(fastverse) in the next session. To extend the *fastverse* for the current session when it is not yet loaded, users can also set options(fastverse.extend = c(...)), where c(...) is a character vector of package names, before calling library(fastverse).

## Value

fastverse\_extend returns NULL invisibly.

#### See Also

fastverse\_detach, fastverse

#### **Examples**

```
# fastverse_extend(xts, stringi, fasttime)
```

fastverse\_install

Install (missing) fastverse packages

## **Description**

This function (by default) checks if any *fastverse* package is missing and installs the missing package(s). The development versions of *fastverse* packages can also be installed from r-universe. The link to the repository is contained in the .fastverse\_repos macro.

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## Usage

```
fastverse_install(
    ...,
    only.missing = TRUE,
    install = TRUE,
    repos = getOption("repos")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

... comma-separated package names, quoted or unquoted, or vectors of package

names. If left empty, all packages returned by fastverse\_packages are checked.

only.missing logical. TRUE only installs packages that are unavailable. FALSE installs all

packages, even if they are available.

install logical. TRUE will proceed to install packages, whereas FALSE (recommended)

will print the installation command asking you to run it in a clean R session.

repos character vector. Base URL(s) of the repositories to use, e.g., the URL of a

CRAN mirror such as "https://cloud.r-project.org". The macro .fastverse\_repos

contains the URL of the fastverse r-universe server to check/install the develop-

ment version of packages.

## Value

fastverse\_install returns NULL invisibly.

#### Note

There is also the possibility to set options(fastverse.install = TRUE) before library(fastverse), which will call fastverse\_install() before loading any packages to make sure all packages are available. If you are using a .fastverse configuration file inside a project (see vignette), you can also place \_opt\_fastverse.install = TRUE before the list of packages in that file.

#### See Also

fastverse\_update, fastverse

## **Description**

Core packages are first fetched from a project-level configuration file (if found), else from a global configuration file (if found), otherwise the standard set of core packages is returned. In addition, if extensions = TRUE, any packages used to extend the *fastverse* for the current session (fetched from getOption("fastverse.extend")) are also returned.

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## Usage

```
fastverse_packages(extensions = TRUE, include.self = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

extensions logical. TRUE appends the set of core packages with all packages found in

options("fastverse.extend").

include.self logical. Include the fastverse package in the list?

## Value

A character vector of package names.

#### See Also

fastverse\_extend, fastverse

## **Examples**

fastverse\_packages()

fastverse\_reset

Reset the fastverse to defaults

## **Description**

Calling this function will remove global configuration files and (default) clear all package options. Attached packages will not be detached, and configuration files for projects (as discussed in the vignette) will not be removed.

# Usage

```
fastverse_reset(options = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

options

logical. TRUE also clears all fastverse options.

# Value

fastverse\_reset returns NULL invisibly.

# See Also

fastverse\_extend, fastverse

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Get a situation report on the fastverse

## **Description**

This function gives a quick overview of the version of R and all *fastverse* packages (including availability updates for packages) and indicates whether any global or project-level configuration files are used (as described in more detail the vignette).

## Usage

```
fastverse_sitrep(...)
```

## **Arguments**

... arguments other than pkg passed to fastverse\_deps.

#### Value

fastverse\_sitrep returns NULL invisibly.

#### See Also

fastverse\_deps, fastverse

fastverse\_update

Update fastverse packages

## **Description**

This will check all *fastverse* packages (and their dependencies) for updates and (optionally) install those updates.

# Usage

```
fastverse_update(..., install = FALSE, repos = getOption("repos"))
```

## **Arguments**

... arguments passed to fastverse\_deps.

install logical. TRUE will proceed to install outdated packages, whereas FALSE (recom-

mended) will print the installation command asking you to run it in a clean R

session.

repos character vector. Base URL(s) of the repositories to use, e.g., the URL of a

CRAN mirror such as "https://cloud.r-project.org". The macro .fastverse\_repos

contains the URL of the fastverse r-universe server to check/install the develop-

ment version of packages.

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# Value

fastverse\_update returns NULL invisibly.

## See Also

```
fastverse_deps, fastverse
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Update from CRAN
fastverse_update()
## Update from R-Universe (development versions)
fastverse_update(repos = .fastverse_repos)
## End(Not run)
```

is\_attached

Utilities

# Description

Checks if packages are installed or attached.

# Usage

```
is_attached(x)
is_installed(x)
```

# Arguments

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character. A vector of package names.

## Value

A named logical vector.

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