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BackupQueue

*An R6 Class for managing backups (abstract base class)***Description**

BackupQueue is an abstract class not intended for direct usage, please refer to [BackupQueueIndex](#), [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueDate](#) instead.

Details

This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).

Super class

[rotor::DirectoryQueue](#) -> BackupQueue

Public fields

`dir` character scalar. Directory in which to place the backups.

`n` integer scalar. The number of backups that exist for BackupQueue\$origin

Active bindings

`dir` character scalar. Directory in which to place the backups.

`n` integer scalar. The number of backups that exist for BackupQueue\$origin

`file` character scalar. The file to backup/rotate.

`compression` (Optional) compression to use compression argument of [rotate\(\)](#).

`max_backups` Maximum number/size/age of backups. See max_backups argument of [rotate\(\)](#)

`has_backups` Returns TRUE if at least one backup of BackupQueue\$origin exists All backups of self\$origin

Methods**Public methods:**

- [BackupQueue\\$new\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$prune\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$prune_identical\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$print\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$push_backup\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$set_origin\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$set_compression\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$set_max_backups\(\)](#)

- [BackupQueue\\$set_file\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueue\\$set_backup_dir\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$new(  
  origin,  
  dir = dirname(origin),  
  max_backups = Inf,  
  compression = FALSE,  
  backup_dir = NULL  
)
```

Method prune(): Delete all backups except max_backups. See [prune_backups\(\)](#).

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$prune(max_backups = self$max_backups)
```

Method prune_identical(): Delete all identical backups. Uses [tools::md5sum\(\)](#) to compare the files. Set the file to be backed up

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$prune_identical()
```

Method print():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$print()
```

Method push_backup():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$push_backup(...)
```

Method set_origin():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$set_origin(x)
```

Arguments:

x a character scalar. Path to a file Set the file to be backed up

Method set_compression():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$set_compression(x)
```

Arguments:

x a character scalar. Path to a file

Method set_max_backups():

Usage:

```
BackupQueue$set_max_backups(x)
```

Method `set_file()`:*Usage:*`BackupQueue$set_file(x)`**Method** `set_backup_dir()`:*Usage:*`BackupQueue$set_backup_dir(x)`**See Also**Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueDate](#), [BackupQueueIndex](#), [Cache](#), [DirectoryQueue](#)

BackupQueueDate

*An R6 class for managing dated backups***Description**A BackupQueue for date-stamped backups, e.g. `foo.log`, `foo.2020-07-24.log`**Details**This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).**Super classes**`rotor::DirectoryQueue -> rotor::BackupQueue -> rotor::BackupQueueDateTime -> BackupQueueDate`**Methods****Public methods:**

- [BackupQueueDate\\$new\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDate\\$set_fmt\(\)](#)

Method `new()`:*Usage:*

```
BackupQueueDate$new(
  origin,
  dir = dirname(origin),
  max_backups = Inf,
  compression = FALSE,
  fmt = "%Y-%m-%d",
  cache_backups = FALSE,
  backup_dir = NULL
)
```

Method `set_fmt()`:*Usage:*`BackupQueueDate$set_fmt(x)`

See Also

Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueIndex](#), [BackupQueue](#), [Cache](#), [DirectoryQueue](#)

BackupQueueDateTime	<i>An R6 class for managing timestamped backups</i>
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Description

A BackupQueue for timestamped backups, e.g. `foo.log`, `foo.2020-07-24_10-54-30.log`

Details

This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).

Super classes

[rotor::DirectoryQueue](#) -> [rotor::BackupQueue](#) -> BackupQueueDateTime

Active bindings

`fmt` See format argument of [rotate_date\(\)](#) logical scalar. If TRUE (the default) the list of backups is cached, if FALSE it is read from disk every time this appender triggers. Caching brings a significant speedup for checking whether to rotate or not based on the age of the last backup, but is only safe if there are no other programs/functions interacting with the backups. This is only advantageous for high frequency file rotation (i.e. several times per second)

`POSIXct` scalar. Timestamp of the last rotation (the last backup)

Methods

Public methods:

- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$new\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$push\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$prune\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$should_rotate\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$update_backups_cache\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$set_max_backups\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$set_fmt\(\)](#)
- [BackupQueueDateTime\\$set_cache_backups\(\)](#)

Method `new()`:

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$new(
  origin,
  dir = dirname(origin),
  max_backups = Inf,
  compression = FALSE,
  fmt = "%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S",
  cache_backups = FALSE,
  backup_dir = NULL
)
```

Method `push()`: Create a new time-stamped backup (e.g. 'logfile.2020-07-22_12-26-29.log')

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$push(overwrite = FALSE, now = Sys.time())
```

Arguments:

`overwrite` logical scalar. Overwrite backups with the same filename (i.e timestamp)?

`now` POSIXct scalar. Can be used as an override mechanism for the current system time if necessary.

Method `prune()`:

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$prune(max_backups = self$max_backups)
```

Method `should_rotate()`: Should a file of size and age be rotated? See size and age arguments of `rotate_date()`. `now` overrides the current system time, 'last_rotation' overrides the date of the last rotation.

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$should_rotate(
  size,
  age,
  now = Sys.time(),
  last_rotation = self$last_rotation %||% file.info(self$origin)$ctime,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Returns: TRUE or FALSE

Method `update_backups_cache()`: Force update of the backups cache (only if `$cache_backups == TRUE`).

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$update_backups_cache()
```

Method `set_max_backups()`:

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$set_max_backups(x)
```

Method `set_fmt()`:

Usage:

```
BackupQueueDateTime$set_fmt(x)
```

Method `set_cache_backups()`:

Usage:

`BackupQueueDateTime$set_cache_backups(x)`

See Also

Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDate](#), [BackupQueueIndex](#), [BackupQueue](#), [Cache](#), [DirectoryQueue](#)

BackupQueueIndex

An R6 class for managing indexed backups

Description

A BackupQueue for indexed backups, e.g. `foo.log`, `foo.1.log`, `foo.2.log`, ...

Details

This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).

Super classes

`rotor::DirectoryQueue` -> `rotor::BackupQueue` -> `BackupQueueIndex`

Methods

Public methods:

- `BackupQueueIndex$push()`
- `BackupQueueIndex$prune()`
- `BackupQueueIndex$prune_identical()`
- `BackupQueueIndex$should_rotate()`
- `BackupQueueIndex$pad_index()`
- `BackupQueueIndex$increment_index()`

Method `push()`: Create a new index-stamped backup (e.g. `'logfile.1.log'`)

Usage:

`BackupQueueIndex$push()`

Method `prune()`:

Usage:

`BackupQueueIndex$prune(max_backups = self$max_backups)`

Method `prune_identical()`:

Usage:

`BackupQueueIndex$prune_identical()`

Method `should_rotate()`: Should a file of size be rotated? See size argument of [rotate\(\)](#)

Usage:

```
BackupQueueIndex$should_rotate(size, verbose = FALSE)
```

Returns: TRUE or FALSE

Method `pad_index()`: Pad the indices in the filenames of indexed backups to the number of digits of the largest index. Usually does not have to be called manually.

Usage:

```
BackupQueueIndex$pad_index()
```

Method `increment_index()`: Increment the Indices of all backups by n Usually does not have to be called manually.

Usage:

```
BackupQueueIndex$increment_index(n = 1)
```

Arguments:

n integer > 0

See Also

Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueDate](#), [BackupQueue](#), [Cache](#), [DirectoryQueue](#)

backup_info

Discover existing backups

Description

These function return information on the backups of a file (if any exist)

Usage

```
backup_info(file, dir = dirname(file))
```

```
list_backups(file, dir = dirname(file))
```

```
n_backups(file, dir = dirname(file))
```

```
newest_backup(file, dir = dirname(file))
```

```
oldest_backup(file, dir = dirname(file))
```

Arguments

file character scalar: Path to a file.

dir character scalar. The directory in which the backups of file are stored (defaults to `dirname(file)`)

Value

backup_info() returns a data.frame similar to the output of `file.info()`

list_backups() returns the paths to all backups of file

n_backups() returns the number of backups of file as an integer scalar

newest_backup() and oldest_backup() return the paths to the newest or oldest backup of file (or an empty character vector if none exist)

Intervals

In **rotor**, an interval is a character string in the form "<number> <interval>". The following intervals are possible: "day(s)", "week(s)", "month(s)", "quarter(s)", "year(s)". The plural "s" is optional (so "2 weeks" and "2 week" are equivalent). Please be aware that weeks are **ISOweeks** and start on Monday (not Sunday as in some countries).

Interval strings can be used as arguments when backing up or rotating files, or for pruning backup queues (i.e. limiting the number of backups of a single) file.

When rotating/backing up "1 months" means "make a new backup if the last backup is from the preceding month". E.g if the last backup of myfile is from 2019-02-01 then backup_time(myfile, age = "1 month") will only create a backup if the current date is at least 2019-03-01.

When pruning/limiting backup queues, "1 year" means "keep at least most one year worth of backups". So if you call backup_time(myfile, max_backups = "1 year") on 2019-03-01, it will create a backup and then remove all backups of myfile before 2019-01-01.

See Also

`rotate()`

Examples

```
# setup example files
tf <- tempfile("test", fileext = ".rds")
saveRDS(cars, tf)
backup(tf)
backup(tf)

backup_info(tf)
list_backups(tf)
n_backups(tf)
newest_backup(tf)
oldest_backup(tf)

# cleanup
prune_backups(tf, 0)
n_backups(tf)
file.remove(tf)
```

Cache

An R6 class for managing a persistent file-based cache

Description

Cache provides an [R6](#) API for managing an on-disk key-value store for R objects. The objects are serialized to a single folder as [.rds](#) files and the key of the object equals the name of the file. Cache supports automatic removal of old files if the cache folder exceeds a predetermined number of files, total size, or if the individual files exceed a certain age.

Details

This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).

Super class

[rotor::DirectoryQueue](#) -> Cache

Public fields

`dir` a character scalar: path of the directory in which to store the cache files

`n` integer scalar: number of files in the cache

`max_files` see the `compress` argument of [base::saveRDS\(\)](#). **Note:** this differs from the `$compress` argument of [rotate\(\)](#).

`max_files` integer scalar: maximum number of files to keep in the cache

Active bindings

`dir` a character scalar: path of the directory in which to store the cache files

`n` integer scalar: number of files in the cache

`max_files` see the `compress` argument of [base::saveRDS\(\)](#). **Note:** this differs from the `$compress` argument of [rotate\(\)](#).

`max_files` integer scalar: maximum number of files to keep in the cache

`max_size` scalar integer, character or Inf. Delete cached files (starting with the oldest) until the total size of the cache is below `max_size`. Integers are interpreted as bytes. You can pass character vectors that contain a file size suffix like 1k (kilobytes), 3M (megabytes), 4G (gigabytes), 5T (terabytes). Instead of these short forms you can also be explicit and use the IEC suffixes KiB, MiB, GiB, TiB. In Both cases 1 kilobyte is 1024 bytes, 1 megabyte is 1024 kilobytes, etc... .

`max_age` • a Date scalar: Remove all backups before this date

- a character scalar representing a Date in ISO format (e.g. "2019-12-31")
- a character scalar representing an Interval in the form "<number> <interval>" (see [rotate\(\)](#))

hashfun NULL or a function to generate a unique hash from the object to be cached (see example).

The hash *must* be a text string that is a valid filename on the target system. If \$hashfun is NULL, a storage key must be supplied manually in cache\$push(). If a new object is added with the same key as an existing object, the existing object will be overwritten without warning.

All cached files

Methods

Public methods:

- `Cache$new()`
- `Cache$push()`
- `Cache$read()`
- `Cache$remove()`
- `Cache$pop()`
- `Cache$prune()`
- `Cache$purge()`
- `Cache$destroy()`
- `Cache$print()`
- `Cache$set_max_files()`
- `Cache$set_max_age()`
- `Cache$set_max_size()`
- `Cache$set_compression()`
- `Cache$set_hashfun()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
Cache$new(
  dir = dirname(file),
  max_files = Inf,
  max_size = Inf,
  max_age = Inf,
  compression = TRUE,
  hashfun = digest::digest,
  create_dir = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

create_dir logical scalar. If TRUE dir is created if it does not exist.

Examples:

```
td <- file.path(tempdir(), "cache-test")
```

```
# When using a real hash function as hashfun, identical objects will only
# be added to the cache once
cache_hash <- Cache$new(td, hashfun = digest::digest)
cache_hash$push(iris)
cache_hash$push(iris)
```

```

cache_hash$files
cache_hash$purge()

# To override this behaviour use a generator for unique ids, such as uuid
if (requireNamespace("uuid")){
  cache_uid <- Cache$new(td, hashfun = function(x) uuid::UUIDgenerate())
  cache_uid$push(iris)
  cache_uid$push(iris)
  cache_uid$files
  cache_uid$purge()
}

unlink(td, recursive = TRUE)

```

Method `push()`: push a new object to the cache

Usage:

```
Cache$push(x, key = self$hashfun(x))
```

Arguments:

`x` any R object

`key` a character scalar. Key under which to store the cached object. Must be a valid filename.

Defaults to being generated by `$hashfun()` but may also be supplied manually.

Returns: a character scalar: the key of the newly added object

Method `read()`: read a cached file

Usage:

```
Cache$read(key)
```

Arguments:

`key` character scalar. key of the cached file to read.

Method `remove()`: remove a single file from the cache

Usage:

```
Cache$remove(key)
```

Arguments:

`key` character scalar. key of the cached file to remove

Method `pop()`: Read and remove a single file from the cache

Usage:

```
Cache$pop(key)
```

Arguments:

`key` character scalar. key of the cached file to read/remove

Method `prune()`: Prune the cache

Delete cached objects that match certain criteria. `max_files` and `max_size` deletes the oldest cached objects first; however, this is dependent on accuracy of the file modification timestamps

on your system. For example, ext3 only supports second-accuracy, and some windows version only support timestamps at a resolution of two seconds.

If two files have the same timestamp, they are deleted in the lexical sort order of their key. This means that by using a function that generates lexically sortable keys as hashfun (such as `ulid::generate()`) you can enforce the correct deletion order. There is no such workaround if you use a real hash function.

Usage:

```
Cache$prune(  
  max_files = self$max_files,  
  max_size = self$max_size,  
  max_age = self$max_age,  
  now = Sys.time()  
)
```

Arguments:

`max_files`, `max_size`, `max_age` see section Active Bindings.
`now` a POSIXct datetime scalar. The current time (for `max_age`)

Method `purge()`: purge the cache (remove all cached files)

Usage:

```
Cache$purge()
```

Method `destroy()`: purge the cache (remove all cached files)

Usage:

```
Cache$destroy()
```

Method `print()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$print()
```

Method `set_max_files()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$set_max_files(x)
```

Method `set_max_age()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$set_max_age(x)
```

Method `set_max_size()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$set_max_size(x)
```

Method `set_compression()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$set_compression(x)
```

Method `set_hashfun()`:

Usage:

```
Cache$set_hashfun(x)
```

See Also

Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueDate](#), [BackupQueueIndex](#), [BackupQueue](#), [DirectoryQueue](#)

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `Cache$new`
## -----

td <- file.path(tempdir(), "cache-test")

# When using a real hash function as hashfun, identical objects will only
# be added to the cache once
cache_hash <- Cache$new(td, hashfun = digest::digest)
cache_hash$push(iris)
cache_hash$push(iris)
cache_hash$files
cache_hash$purge()

# To override this behaviour use a generator for unique ids, such as uuid
if (requireNamespace("uuid")){
  cache_uid <- Cache$new(td, hashfun = function(x) uuid::UUIDgenerate())
  cache_uid$push(iris)
  cache_uid$push(iris)
  cache_uid$files
  cache_uid$purge()
}

unlink(td, recursive = TRUE)
```

DirectoryQueue	<i>An R6 class for managing persistent file-based queues (abstract base class)</i>
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Description

Abstract class from which all other classes in **rotor** inherit their basic fields and methods.

Details

This class is part of the [R6](#) API of **rotor** which is intended for developers that want to extend this package. For normal usage, the simpler functional API is recommended (see [rotate\(\)](#)).

Active bindings

`dir` a character scalar. path of the directory in which to store the cache files

Methods

Public methods:

- [DirectoryQueue\\$new\(\)](#)
- [DirectoryQueue\\$push\(\)](#)
- [DirectoryQueue\\$prune\(\)](#)
- [DirectoryQueue\\$set_dir\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

`DirectoryQueue$new(...)`

Method push():

Usage:

`DirectoryQueue$push(x, ...)`

Method prune():

Usage:

`DirectoryQueue$prune(x, ...)`

Method set_dir():

Usage:

`DirectoryQueue$set_dir(x, create = TRUE)`

See Also

Other R6 Classes: [BackupQueueDateTime](#), [BackupQueueDate](#), [BackupQueueIndex](#), [BackupQueue](#), [Cache](#)

rotate

Rotate or backup files

Description

Functions starting with backup create backups of a file, while functions starting with rotate do the same but also replace the original file with an empty one (this is useful for log rotation)

Note:: rotate() and co will not work reliable on filenames that contain dots but have no file extension (e.g. my.holiday.picture.jpg is OK but my.holiday.picture is not)

prune_backups() physically deletes all backups of a file based on max_backups

prune_backups() physically deletes all backups of a file based on max_backups

Usage

```
rotate(  
  file,  
  size = 1,  
  max_backups = Inf,  
  compression = FALSE,  
  dir = dirname(file),  
  create_file = TRUE,  
  dry_run = FALSE,  
  verbose = dry_run  
)  
  
backup(  
  file,  
  size = 0,  
  max_backups = Inf,  
  compression = FALSE,  
  dir = dirname(file),  
  dry_run = FALSE,  
  verbose = dry_run  
)  
  
prune_backups(  
  file,  
  max_backups,  
  dir = dirname(file),  
  dry_run = FALSE,  
  verbose = dry_run  
)  
  
prune_identical_backups(  
  file,  
  dir = dirname(file),  
  dry_run = FALSE,  
  verbose = dry_run  
)  
  
rotate_date(  
  file,  
  age = 1,  
  size = 1,  
  max_backups = Inf,  
  compression = FALSE,  
  format = "%Y-%m-%d",  
  dir = dirname(file),  
  overwrite = FALSE,  
  create_file = TRUE,  
  now = Sys.Date(),
```



```
    dry_run = FALSE,
    verbose = dry_run
)

backup_date(
  file,
  age = 1,
  size = 1,
  max_backups = Inf,
  compression = FALSE,
  format = "%Y-%m-%d",
  dir = dirname(file),
  overwrite = FALSE,
  now = Sys.Date(),
  dry_run = FALSE,
  verbose = dry_run
)

rotate_time(
  file,
  age = -1,
  size = 1,
  max_backups = Inf,
  compression = FALSE,
  format = "%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S",
  dir = dirname(file),
  overwrite = FALSE,
  create_file = TRUE,
  now = Sys.time(),
  dry_run = FALSE,
  verbose = dry_run
)

backup_time(
  file,
  age = -1,
  size = 1,
  max_backups = Inf,
  compression = FALSE,
  format = "%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S",
  dir = dirname(file),
  overwrite = FALSE,
  now = Sys.time(),
  dry_run = FALSE,
  verbose = dry_run
)
```

Arguments

file	character scalar: file to backup/rotate
size	<p>scalar integer, character or Inf. Backup/rotate only if file is larger than this size. Integers are interpreted as bytes. You can pass character vectors that contain a file size suffix like 1k (kilobytes), 3M (megabytes), 4G (gigabytes), 5T (terabytes). Instead of these short forms you can also be explicit and use the IEC suffixes KiB, MiB, GiB, TiB. In Both cases 1 kilobyte is 1024 bytes, 1 megabyte is 1024 kilobytes, etc... .</p> <p>(if age <i>and</i> size are provided, both criteria must be TRUE to trigger rotation)</p>
max_backups	<p>maximum number of backups to keep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an integer scalar: Maximum number of backups to keep <p>In addition for timestamped backups the following value are supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Date scalar: Remove all backups before this date • a character scalar representing a Date in ISO format (e.g. "2019-12-31") • a character scalar representing an Interval in the form "<number> <interval>" (see below for more info)
compression	<p>Whether or not backups should be compressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FALSE for uncompressed backups, • TRUE for zip compression; uses <code>zip()</code> • a scalar integer between 1 and 9 to specify a compression level (requires the <code>zip</code> package, see its documentation for details) • the character scalars "utils::zip()" or "zip::zipr" to force a specific zip command
dir	character scalar. The directory in which the backups of file are stored (defaults to <code>dirname(file)</code>)
create_file	logical scalar. If TRUE create an empty file in place of file after rotating.
dry_run	logical scalar. If TRUE no changes are applied to the file system (no files are created or deleted)
verbose	logical scalar. If TRUE additional informative messages are printed
age	<p>minimum age after which to backup/rotate a file; can be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a character scalar representing an Interval in the form "<number> <interval>" (e.g. "2 months", see <i>Intervals</i> section below). • a Date or a character scalar representing a Date for a fixed point in time after which to backup/rotate. See format for which Date/Datetime formats are supported by rotor. <p>(if age <i>and</i> size are provided, both criteria must be TRUE to trigger rotation)</p>
format	<p>a scalar character that can be a subset of of valid <code>strftime()</code> formatting strings. The default setting is "%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You can use an arbitrary number of dashes anywhere in the format, so "%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S" and "%Y%m%d%H%M%S" are both legal. • T and _ can also be used as separators. For example, the following datetime formats are also possible: %Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S (Python logging default), %Y%m%dT%H%M%S (ISO 8601)

- All datetime components except %Y are optional. If you leave out part of the timestamp, the first point in time in the period is assumed. For example (assuming the current year is 2019) %Y is identical to 2019-01-01--00-00-00.
- The timestamps must be lexically sortable, so "%Y-%m-%d" is legal, "%m-%d-%Y" and %Y-%d are not.

overwrite	logical scalar. If TRUE overwrite backups if a backup of the same name (usually due to timestamp collision) exists.
now	The current Date or time (POSIXct) as a scalar. You can pass a custom value here to to override the real system time. As a convenience you can also pass in character strings that follow the guidelines outlined above for format, but please note that these differ from the formats understood by as.POSIXct() or as.Date() .

Value

file as a character scalar (invisibly)

Side Effects

`backup()`, `backup_date()`, and `backup_time()` may create files (if the specified conditions are met). They may also delete backups, based on `max_backup`.

`rotate()`, `rotate_date()` and `rotate_time()` do the same, but in addition delete the input file, or replace it with an empty file if `create_file == TRUE` (the default).

`prune_backups()` may delete files, depending on `max_backups`.

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Intervals

In **rotor**, an interval is a character string in the form "<number> <interval>". The following intervals are possible: "day(s)", "week(s)", "month(s)", "quarter(s)", "year(s)". The plural "s" is optional (so "2 weeks" and "2 week" are equivalent). Please be aware that weeks are **ISOweeks** and start on Monday (not Sunday as in some countries).

Interval strings can be used as arguments when backing up or rotating files, or for pruning backup queues (i.e. limiting the number of backups of a single) file.

When rotating/backing up "1 months" means "make a new backup if the last backup is from the preceding month". E.g if the last backup of myfile is from 2019-02-01 then `backup_time(myfile, age = "1 month")` will only create a backup if the current date is at least 2019-03-01.

When pruning/limiting backup queues, "1 year" means "keep at least most one year worth of backups". So if you call `backup_time(myfile, max_backups = "1 year")` on 2019-03-01, it will create a backup and then remove all backups of myfile before 2019-01-01.

See Also

[list_backups\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# setup example file
tf <- tempfile("test", fileext = ".rds")
saveRDS(cars, tf)

# create two backups of `tf`
backup(tf)
backup(tf)
list_backups(tf) # find all backups of a file

# If `size` is set, a backup is only created if the target file is at least
# that big. This is more useful for log rotation than for backups.
backup(tf, size = "100 mb") # no backup because `tf` is too small
list_backups(tf)

# If `dry_run` is TRUE, backup() only shows what would happen without
# actually creating or deleting files
backup(tf, size = "0.1kb", dry_run = TRUE)

# rotate() is the same as backup(), but replaces `tf` with an empty file
rotate(tf)
list_backups(tf)
file.size(tf)
file.size(list_backups(tf))

# prune_backups() can remove old backups
prune_backups(tf, 1) # keep only one backup
list_backups(tf)

# rotate/backup_date() adds a date instead of an index
# you should not mix index backups and timestamp backups
# so we clean up first
prune_backups(tf, 0)
saveRDS(cars, tf)

# backup_date() adds the date instead of an index to the filename
backup_date(tf)

# `age` sets the minimum age of the last backup before creating a new one.
# the example below creates no new backup since it's less than a week
# since the last.
backup_date(tf, age = "1 week")

# `now` overrides the current date.
backup_date(tf, age = "1 year", now = "2999-12-31")
list_backups(tf)

# backup_time() creates backups with a full timestamp
backup_time(tf)

# It's okay to mix backup_date() and backup_time()
list_backups(tf)
```

```
# cleanup
prune_backups(tf, 0)
file.remove(tf)
```

rotate_rds*Serialize R objects to disk (with backup)*

Description

The `rotate_rds*()` functions are wrappers around `base::saveRDS()` that create a backup of the destination file (if it exists) instead of just overwriting it.

Usage

```
rotate_rds(
  object,
  file = "",
  ascii = FALSE,
  version = NULL,
  compress = TRUE,
  refhook = NULL,
  ...,
  on_change_only = FALSE
)
```

```
rotate_rds_date(
  object,
  file = "",
  ascii = FALSE,
  version = NULL,
  compress = TRUE,
  refhook = NULL,
  ...,
  age = -1L,
  on_change_only = FALSE
)
```

```
rotate_rds_time(
  object,
  file = "",
  ascii = FALSE,
  version = NULL,
  compress = TRUE,
  refhook = NULL,
  ...,
  age = -1L,
```

```

    on_change_only = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

object	R object to serialize.
file	a connection or the name of the file where the R object is saved to or read from.
ascii	a logical. If TRUE or NA, an ASCII representation is written; otherwise (default), a binary one is used. See the comments in the help for save .
version	the workspace format version to use. NULL specifies the current default version (3). The only other supported value is 2, the default from R 1.4.0 to R 3.5.0.
compress	a logical specifying whether saving to a named file is to use "gzip" compression, or one of "gzip", "bzip2" or "xz" to indicate the type of compression to be used. Ignored if file is a connection.
refhook	a hook function for handling reference objects.
...	Arguments passed on to rotate , rotate_date , rotate_time
max_backups	maximum number of backups to keep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an integer scalar: Maximum number of backups to keep In addition for timestamped backups the following value are supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Date scalar: Remove all backups before this date • a character scalar representing a Date in ISO format (e.g. "2019-12-31") • a character scalar representing an Interval in the form "<number><interval>" (see below for more info)
size	scalar integer, character or Inf. Backup/rotate only if file is larger than this size. Integers are interpreted as bytes. You can pass character vectors that contain a file size suffix like 1k (kilobytes), 3M (megabytes), 4G (gigabytes), 5T (terabytes). Instead of these short forms you can also be explicit and use the IEC suffixes KiB, MiB, GiB, TiB. In Both cases 1 kilobyte is 1024 bytes, 1 megabyte is 1024 kilobytes, etc... (if age <i>and</i> size are provided, both criteria must be TRUE to trigger rotation)
dir	character scalar. The directory in which the backups of file are stored (defaults to dirname(file))
compression	Whether or not backups should be compressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FALSE for uncompressed backups, • TRUE for zip compression; uses zip() • a scalar integer between 1 and 9 to specify a compression level (requires the zip package, see its documentation for details) • the character scalars "utils::zip()" or "zip::zipr" to force a specific zip command
dry_run	logical scalar. If TRUE no changes are applied to the file system (no files are created or deleted)
verbose	logical scalar. If TRUE additional informative messages are printed
create_file	logical scalar. If TRUE create an empty file in place of file after rotating.

- format** a scalar character that can be a subset of of valid `strftime()` formatting strings. The default setting is `"%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S"`.
- You can use an arbitrary number of dashes anywhere in the format, so `"%Y-%m-%d--%H-%M-%S"` and `"%Y%m%d%H%M%S"` are both legal.
 - `T` and `_` can also be used as separators. For example, the following date-time formats are also possible: `%Y-%m-%d_%H-%M-%S` (Python logging default), `%Y%m%dT%H%M%S` (ISO 8601)
 - All datetime components except `%Y` are optional. If you leave out part of the timestamp, the first point in time in the period is assumed. For example (assuming the current year is 2019) `%Y` is identical to `2019-01-01--00-00-00`.
 - The timestamps must be lexically sortable, so `"%Y-%m-%d"` is legal, `"%m-%d-%Y"` and `%Y-%d` are not.
- now** The current Date or time (POSIXct) as a scalar. You can pass a custom value here to to override the real system time. As a convenience you can also pass in character strings that follow the guidelines outlined above for `format`, but please note that these differ from the formats understood by `as.POSIXct()` or `as.Date()`.
- overwrite** logical scalar. If TRUE overwrite backups if a backup of the same name (usually due to timestamp collision) exists.
- on_change_only** logical scalar or a list. Rotate only if object is different from the object saved in file. If a list, arguments that will be passed on to `data.table::all.equal` (only when both objects are `data.tables`)
- age** minimum age after which to backup/rotate a file; can be
- a character scalar representing an Interval in the form `"<number> <interval>"` (e.g. `"2 months"`, see *Intervals* section below).
 - a Date or a character scalar representing a Date for a fixed point in time after which to backup/rotate. See `format` for which Date/Datetime formats are supported by rotor.
- (if `age` and `size` are provided, both criteria must be TRUE to trigger rotation)

Value

the path to file (invisibly)

Note

The default value for `age` is different for `rotate_rds_date()` (-1) than for `rotate_date()` (1) to make it a bit safer. This means if you execute `rotate_date()` twice on the same file on a given day it will silently not rotate the file, while `rotate_rds_date()` will throw an error.

Examples

```
dest <- tempfile()
rotate_rds(iris, dest)
rotate_rds(iris, dest)
rotate_rds(iris, dest)
```

```
list_backups(dest)

# cleanup
unlink(list_backups(dest))
unlink(dest)
```


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