

Package ‘resultcheck’

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cleanup_sandbox	<i>Clean Up a Sandbox Environment</i>
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Description

Removes a sandbox directory and all its contents. This should be called after testing is complete to free up disk space.

Usage

```
cleanup_sandbox(sandbox = NULL, force = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sandbox	Optional. A sandbox object created by <code>setup_sandbox()</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default), cleans up the most recently created sandbox.
force	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), removes directory even if it contains files.

Value

Logical indicating success (invisible).

Examples

```
with_example({
  sandbox <- setup_sandbox()
  cleanup_sandbox(sandbox)
})
```

find_root	<i>Find Project Root Directory</i>
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Description

Finds the root directory of the current R project using various heuristics. The function searches for markers like `_resultcheck.yml` (preferred), `resultcheck.yml` (legacy), `.Rproj` files, or a `.git` directory. When running inside a sandbox created by `setup_sandbox()`, it will search from the original working directory.

Usage

```
find_root(start_path = NULL)
```

Arguments

start_path Optional. The directory to start searching from. If NULL (default), uses the current working directory or the stored original working directory if in a sandbox.

Value

The path to the project root directory.

Examples

```
with_example({
  root <- find_root()
  print(root)
})
```

run_in_sandbox

Run Code in a Sandbox Environment

Description

Executes an R script within a sandbox directory, suppressing messages, warnings, and graphical output. This is useful for testing empirical analysis scripts without polluting the console or creating unwanted plots.

Usage

```
run_in_sandbox(
  script_path,
  sandbox = NULL,
  suppress_messages = TRUE,
  suppress_warnings = TRUE,
  capture_output = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

script_path Path to the R script to execute.

sandbox Optional. A sandbox object created by setup_sandbox(). If NULL (default), uses the most recently created sandbox.

suppress_messages Logical. Whether to suppress messages (default: TRUE).

suppress_warnings Logical. Whether to suppress warnings (default: TRUE).

capture_output Logical. Whether to capture output (default: TRUE).

Value

Invisible TRUE on successful execution.

Examples

```
with_example({
  sandbox <- setup_sandbox()
  on.exit(cleanup_sandbox(sandbox), add = TRUE)
  run_in_sandbox("analysis.R", sandbox)
})
```

 setup_sandbox

Setup a Sandbox Environment for Testing

Description

Creates a temporary directory and copies specified files and/or directories into it while preserving their path structure. This is useful for testing empirical analysis scripts in isolation.

Usage

```
setup_sandbox(files = NULL, temp_base = NULL)
```

Arguments

files	Character vector of relative file or directory paths to copy to the sandbox. Leave as NULL (default) to create an empty sandbox. Paths are resolved relative to the project root (found using <code>find_root()</code>); if the project root cannot be determined the current working directory is used. When a path refers to a directory, the entire directory is copied recursively. Absolute paths and path traversal attempts (e.g., <code>..</code>) are rejected for security. Snapshot files do <i>not</i> need to be listed here: <code>snapshot()</code> always reads snapshots from the project root, not from the sandbox.
temp_base	Optional. Custom location for the temporary directory. If NULL (default), uses <code>tempfile()</code> .

Value

A list with class "resultcheck_sandbox" containing:

path	The path to the created temporary directory
id	A unique timestamp-based identifier for this sandbox

Examples

```
with_example({
  sandbox <- setup_sandbox()
  print(sandbox$path)
  cleanup_sandbox(sandbox)
})
```

snapshot

Interactive Snapshot Testing

Description

Creates or updates a snapshot of an R object for interactive analysis. On first use, saves the object to a human-readable snapshot file (.md). On subsequent uses, compares the current object to the saved snapshot.

Usage

```
snapshot(value, name, script_name = NULL, method = c("both", "print", "str"))
```

Arguments

value	The R object to snapshot (e.g., plot, table, model output).
name	Character. A descriptive name for this snapshot.
script_name	Optional. The name of the script creating the snapshot. If NULL, attempts to auto-detect from the call stack.
method	Character. Controls which serialization method(s) are used when capturing the snapshot. "both" (default) applies type-specific logic that uses both print() and str(). "print" uses only print(), and "str" uses only str(). Use "print" or "str" when one of the methods produces volatile output that should be excluded from the snapshot (e.g. objects that embed session-specific paths or IDs in their str() representation).

Details

In interactive mode (default), prompts the user to update if differences are found and emits a warning. In testing mode (inside testthat or run_in_sandbox), throws an error if snapshot doesn't exist or doesn't match.

Snapshots are stored under tests/_resultcheck_snaps/ by default, organized by script name, and configurable via snapshot.dir in _resultcheck.yml.

Value

Invisible TRUE if snapshot matches or was updated. In testing mode, throws an error if snapshot is missing or doesn't match.

Examples

```
with_example({
  model <- stats::lm(mpg ~ wt, data = datasets::mtcars)
  snapshot(model, "model_both", script_name = "analysis", method = "both")
  snapshot(model, "model_print", script_name = "analysis", method = "print")
  snapshot(model, "model_str", script_name = "analysis", method = "str")
})
```

```
with_example({
  sandbox <- setup_sandbox()
  on.exit(cleanup_sandbox(sandbox), add = TRUE)
  run_in_sandbox("analysis.R", sandbox)
})

if (interactive()) with_example({
  sandbox <- setup_sandbox()
  on.exit(cleanup_sandbox(sandbox), add = TRUE)
  run_in_sandbox("analysis.R", sandbox)
}, mismatch = TRUE)
```

<code>with_example</code>	<i>Run Code Inside a Temporary Example Project</i>
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Description

Creates a self-contained example project under `tempdir()`, including:

- `_resultcheck.yml` (project root marker)
- `analysis.R` with `snapshot(model, "model")`
- matching and mismatched snapshot files
- `tests/testthat/test-analysis.R`

then temporarily sets the working directory to that project while evaluating code.

Usage

```
with_example(code, mismatch = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>code</code>	Code to evaluate inside the temporary example project.
<code>mismatch</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , replaces the active snapshot with a mismatched version before evaluating code.

Value

The value of `code`.

Examples

```
with_example({
  root <- find_root()
  print(root)
})
```

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