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# `utils`#
Utility functions.
## Functions#
`unix_path_to_win`(path[, root_prefix]) | Convert a path or :-separated string of paths into a Windows
representation
---|---
`win path to cygwin`(path) |
`cygwin_path_to_win`(path) |
`translate_stream`(stream, translator) |
`human_bytes`(n) | Return the number of bytes n in more human readable form.
`sys_prefix_unfollowed`() | Since conda is installed into non-root environments as a symlink only
`quote_for_shell`(*arguments) | Properly quote arguments for command line passing.
`massage_arguments`(arguments[, errors]) |
`wrap subprocess call`(root prefix, prefix, dev mode, ...) |
`get_comspec`() | Returns COMSPEC from envvars.
```

* [`cli`](../../conda_env/cli/index.html)

```
`ensure_dir_exists`(func) | Ensures that the directory exists for functions returning
## Attributes#
`_UNIX_SHELL_BASE` |
---|---
`_MSYS2_SHELL_BASE` |
`_SHELLS` |
`_RE_UNSAFE`|
unix_path_to_win(_path_ , _root_prefix ="_)#
Convert a path or :-separated string of paths into a Windows representation
Does not add cygdrive. If you need that, set root_prefix to "/cygdrive"
win_path_to_cygwin(_path_)#
cygwin_path_to_win(_path_)#
translate_stream(_stream_ , _translator_)#
```

```
human_bytes(_n_)#
```

Return the number of bytes n in more human readable form.

Examples

```
>>> human_bytes(42)

'42 B'

>>> human_bytes(1042)

'1 KB'

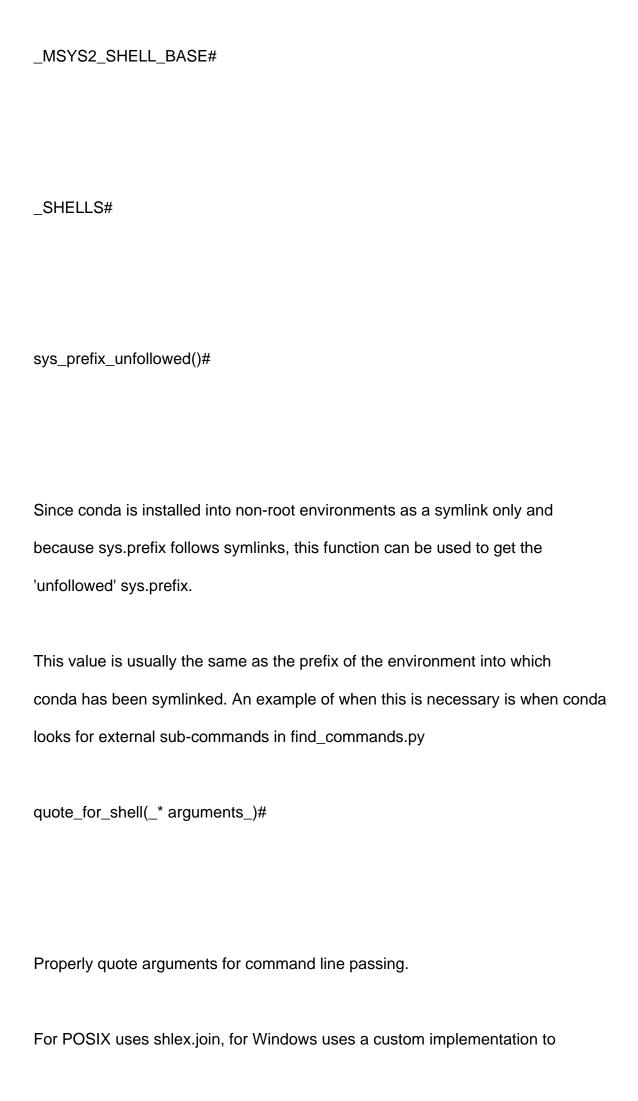
>>> human_bytes(10004242)

'9.5 MB'

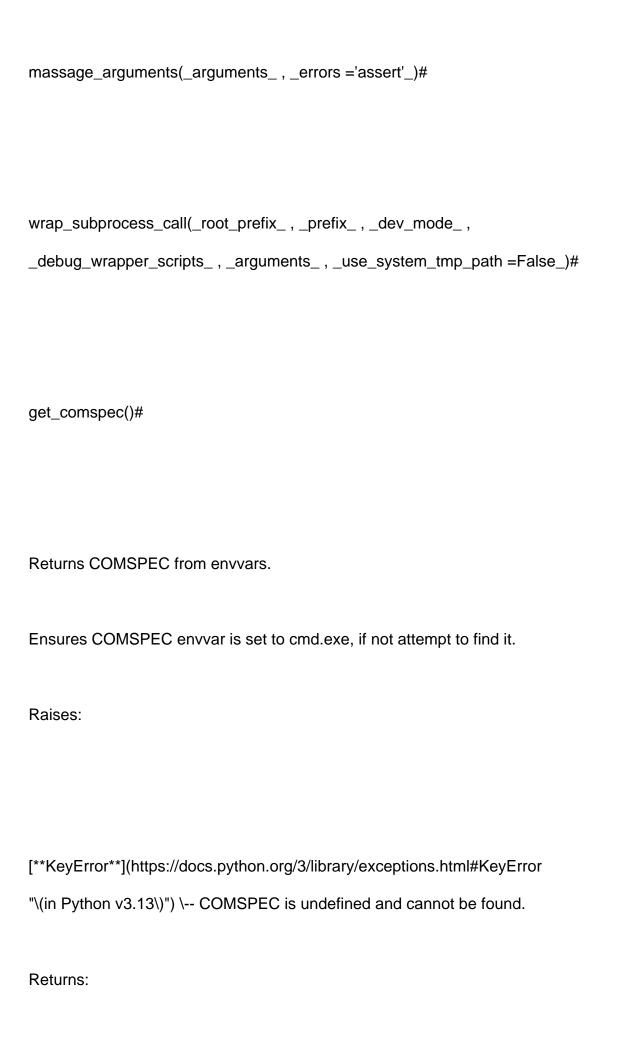
>>> human_bytes(100000004242)

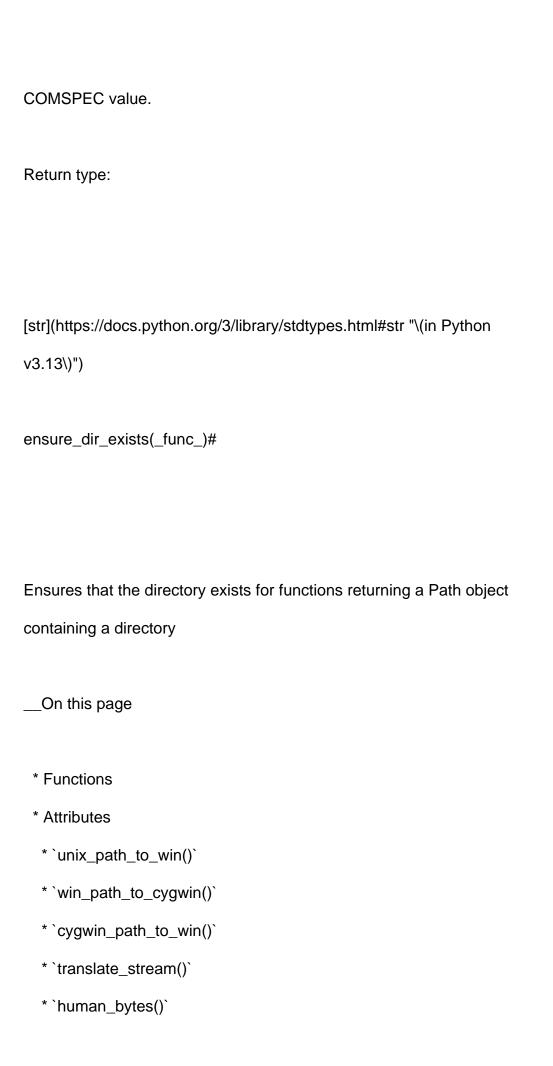
'93.13 GB'
```

```
_UNIX_SHELL_BASE#
```



properly escape metacharacters.
Parameters:
arguments ([_list_](https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#list
"\(in Python v3.13\)") _of_[
str](https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#str "\(in Python
v3.13\)")) Arguments to quote.
Returns:
Quoted arguments.
Return type:
[str](https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#str "\(in Python
v3.13\)")
_RE_UNSAFE#





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guide/api/conda/utils/index.rst)
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[ Analytics Dashboard __](https://docs-conda-io.goatcounter.com "Analytics
Dashboard")
Built with the [PyData Sphinx Theme](https://pydata-sphinx-
theme.readthedocs.io/en/stable/index.html) 0.15.4.
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