

# Package ‘asa’

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asa-package

*asa: AI Search Agent for Large-Scale Research Automation*

## Description

The `asa` package provides an LLM-powered research agent for performing AI search tasks at large scales using web search capabilities.

The agent uses a ReAct (Reasoning + Acting) pattern implemented via LangGraph, with tools for searching DuckDuckGo and Wikipedia. It supports multiple LLM backends (OpenAI, Groq, xAI) and implements DeepAgent-style memory folding for managing long conversations.

## Main Functions

- `build_backend`: Set up the Python conda environment
- `initialize_agent`: Initialize the search agent
- `run_agent`: Run the agent with a custom prompt
- `run_task`: Run a structured task with the agent
- `run_task_batch`: Run multiple tasks in batch

## Configuration

The package requires a Python environment with LangChain and related packages. Use `build_backend` to create this environment automatically.

For anonymous searching, the package can use Tor as a SOCKS5 proxy. Install Tor via `brew install tor` (macOS) and start it with `brew services start tor`.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/cjerzak/asa-software>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/cjerzak/asa-software/issues>

*.augment\_prompt\_temporal**Augment Prompt with Temporal Context*

## Description

Adds temporal date hints to the prompt when after/before dates are specified. This helps guide the agent to search for time-relevant information.

## Usage

```
.augment_prompt_temporal(prompt, temporal)
```

### Arguments

prompt	Original prompt
temporal	Temporal filtering list (may be NULL)

### Value

Augmented prompt string

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.build\_trace                  *Build Trace from Raw Response*

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### Description

Build Trace from Raw Response

### Usage

.build\_trace(raw\_response)

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.close\_http\_clients      *Close HTTP Clients*

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### Description

Safely closes the synchronous httpx client to prevent resource leaks. This is called automatically by reset\_agent() and when reinitializing.

### Usage

.close\_http\_clients()

### Details

Note: We no longer create or manage async clients from R (R-CRIT-001 fix). LangChain manages its own async client lifecycle internally.

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL

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.create_agent	<i>Create the LangGraph Agent</i>
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### Description

Create the LangGraph Agent

### Usage

```
.create_agent(
  llm,
  tools,
  use_memory_folding,
  memory_threshold,
  memory_keep_recent
)
```

### Arguments

llm	LLM instance
tools	List of tools
use_memory_folding	Whether to use memory folding
memory_threshold	Messages before folding
memory_keep_recent	Messages to keep

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.create_http_clients	<i>Create HTTP Client for API Calls</i>
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### Description

Creates a synchronous httpx client for LLM API calls. Note: We intentionally do NOT create an async client. LangChain/OpenAI SDK creates its own async client internally when needed (for async operations). This avoids R-CRIT-001 where async client cleanup was unreliable from R since aclose() requires an async context.

### Usage

```
.create_http_clients(proxy, timeout)
```

### Arguments

proxy	Proxy URL or NULL
timeout	Timeout in seconds

### Value

A list with 'sync' client (async is NULL, letting LangChain manage it)

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.create\_llm                    *Create LLM Instance*

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### Description

Create LLM Instance

### Usage

```
.create_llm(backend, model, clients, rate_limit)
```

### Arguments

backend	Backend name
model	Model identifier
clients	HTTP clients (for OpenAI)
rate_limit	Requests per second

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.create\_research\_config  
                          *Create Research Configuration*

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### Description

Create Research Configuration

### Usage

```
.create_research_config(  
    max_workers,  
    max_rounds,  
    budget,  
    stop_policy,  
    sources,  
    temporal = NULL  
)
```

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.create\_research\_graph  
                          *Create Research Graph*

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### Description

Create Research Graph

### Usage

```
.create_research_graph(agent, config_dict)
```

`.create_tools`      *Create Search Tools*

### Description

Create Search Tools

### Usage

```
.create_tools(proxy)
```

### Arguments

proxy	Proxy URL or NULL
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`.extract_fields`      *Extract Specific Fields from Response*

### Description

Extract Specific Fields from Response

### Usage

```
.extract_fields(text, fields)
```

### Arguments

text	Response text
fields	Character vector of field names to extract

`.extract_json_from_trace`  
*Extract JSON from Agent Traces*

### Description

Internal function to extract JSON data from raw agent traces.

### Usage

```
.extract_json_from_trace(text)
```

### Arguments

text	Raw trace text
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### Value

Parsed JSON data as a list, or NULL if no JSON found

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.extract\_json\_object    *Extract JSON Object from Text*

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### Description

Extract JSON Object from Text

### Usage

.extract\_json\_object(text)

### Arguments

text                  Response text

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.extract\_response\_text  
                            *Extract Response Text from Raw Response*

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### Description

Extract Response Text from Raw Response

### Usage

.extract\_response\_text(raw\_response, backend)

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.get\_extdata\_path        *Get External Data Path*

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### Description

Returns the path to the package's external data directory.

### Usage

.get\_extdata\_path(filename = NULL)

### Arguments

filename                  Optional filename within extdata directory

### Value

Character string with the path

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`.get_local_ip`      *Get Local IP Address (Cross-Platform)*

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**Description**

Returns the local IP address for use with Exo backend. Works on Windows, macOS, and Linux.

**Usage**

`.get_local_ip()`

**Value**

Character string with the local IP address, or "127.0.0.1" on failure.

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`.get_python_path`      *Get Package Python Module Path*

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**Description**

Returns the path to the Python modules shipped with the package.

**Usage**

`.get_python_path()`

**Value**

Character string with the path to inst/python

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`.handle_response_issues`  
*Handle Response Issues (Rate Limiting, Timeouts)*

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**Description**

Handle Response Issues (Rate Limiting, Timeouts)

**Usage**

`.handle_response_issues(trace, verbose)`

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.import\_python\_packages

*Import Required Python Packages*

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### Description

Import Required Python Packages

### Usage

.import\_python\_packages()

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.import\_research\_modules

*Import Research Python Modules*

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### Description

Import Research Python Modules

### Usage

.import\_research\_modules()

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.invoke\_memory\_folding\_agent

*Invoke Memory Folding Agent*

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### Description

Invoke Memory Folding Agent

### Usage

.invoke\_memory\_folding\_agent(python\_agent, prompt, recursion\_limit)

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.invoke\_standard\_agent

*Invoke Standard Agent*

---

### Description

Invoke Standard Agent

### Usage

.invoke\_standard\_agent(python\_agent, prompt, recursion\_limit)

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`.is_initialized`      *Check if ASA Agent is Initialized*

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**Description**

Check if ASA Agent is Initialized

**Usage**

```
.is_initialized()
```

**Value**

Logical indicating if the agent has been initialized

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`.normalize_schema`      *Normalize Schema Input*

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**Description**

Normalize Schema Input

**Usage**

```
.normalize_schema(schema, query, verbose)
```

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`.parse_json_response`      *Parse JSON Response*

---

**Description**

Parse JSON Response

**Usage**

```
.parse_json_response(response_text)
```

**Arguments**

`response_text`    Response text from agent

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.process\_research\_results  
    *Process Research Results*

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**Description**

Process Research Results

**Usage**

.process\_research\_results(result, schema\_dict, include\_provenance)

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.resume\_research       *Resume Research from Checkpoint*

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**Description**

Resume Research from Checkpoint

**Usage**

.resume\_research(checkpoint\_file, verbose)

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.run\_research       *Run Research (Non-Streaming)*

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**Description**

Run Research (Non-Streaming)

**Usage**

.run\_research(graph, query, schema\_dict, config\_dict)

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`.run_research_with_progress`  
*Run Research with Progress Updates*

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**Description**

Run Research with Progress Updates

**Usage**

```
.run_research_with_progress(
    graph,
    query,
    schema_dict,
    config_dict,
    checkpoint_file,
    verbose
)
```

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`.save_checkpoint`      *Save Checkpoint*

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**Description**

Save Checkpoint

**Usage**

```
.save_checkpoint(result, query, schema_dict, config_dict, checkpoint_file)
```

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`.stop_validation`      *Stop with Formatted Validation Error*

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**Description**

Creates a standardized error message with Got/Fix sections.

**Usage**

```
.stop_validation(param_name, requirement, actual = NULL, fix = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>param_name</code>	Name of the parameter that failed validation
<code>requirement</code>	What the parameter should be
<code>actual</code>	What was actually received (optional, auto-formatted)
<code>fix</code>	Actionable fix suggestion

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.validate\_asa\_agent     *Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_agent*

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### Description

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_agent

### Usage

```
.validate_asa_agent(python_agent, backend, model, config)
```

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.validate\_asa\_response  
    *Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_response*

---

### Description

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_response

### Usage

```
.validate_asa_response(  
    message,  
    status_code,  
    raw_response,  
    trace,  
    elapsed_time,  
    fold_count,  
    prompt  
)
```

---

.validate\_asa\_result     *Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_result*

---

### Description

Validate S3 Constructor: asa\_result

### Usage

```
.validate_asa_result(prompt, message, parsed, raw_output, elapsed_time, status)
```

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```
.validate_build_backend
```

*Validate build\_backend() Parameters*

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### Description

Validate build\_backend() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_build_backend(conda_env, conda, python_version)
```

---

```
.validate_build_prompt
```

*Validate build\_prompt() Parameters*

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### Description

Validate build\_prompt() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_build_prompt(template)
```

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```
.validate_choice
```

*Validate Choice from Set*

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### Description

Validate Choice from Set

### Usage

```
.validate_choice(x, param_name, choices)
```

### Arguments

x Value to check

param\_name Name for error message

choices Valid choices

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.validate\_conda\_env     *Validate Conda Environment Name*

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### Description

Validate Conda Environment Name

### Usage

```
.validate_conda_env(x, param_name)
```

### Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message

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.validate\_configure\_search  
    *Validate configure\_search() Parameters*

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### Description

Validate configure\_search() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_configure_search(  
    max_results,  
    timeout,  
    max_retries,  
    retry_delay,  
    backoff_multiplier,  
    captcha_backoff_base,  
    page_load_wait,  
    inter_search_delay,  
    conda_env  
)
```

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`.validate_consistency` *Validate Logical Consistency Between Parameters*

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## Description

Validate Logical Consistency Between Parameters

## Usage

```
.validate_consistency(condition, message, fix)
```

## Arguments

condition	Condition that must be TRUE
message	Error message if condition is FALSE
fix	How to fix the issue

---

`.validate_dataframe` *Validate Data Frame with Required Columns*

---

## Description

Validate Data Frame with Required Columns

## Usage

```
.validate_dataframe(x, param_name, required_cols = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message
required_cols	Required column names (optional)

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.validate\_initialize\_agent  
Validate initialize\_agent() Parameters

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## Description

Validate initialize\_agent() Parameters

## Usage

```
.validate_initialize_agent(  
    backend,  
    model,  
    conda_env,  
    proxy,  
    use_memory_folding,  
    memory_threshold,  
    memory_keep_recent,  
    rate_limit,  
    timeout,  
    verbose  
)
```

---

.validate\_logical      Validate Boolean

---

## Description

Validate Boolean

## Usage

```
.validate_logical(x, param_name)
```

## Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message

`.validate_positive`      *Validate Positive Number*

### Description

Validate Positive Number

### Usage

```
.validate_positive(x, param_name, allow_zero = FALSE, integer_only = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>allow_zero</code>	Allow zero values (default: FALSE)
<code>integer_only</code>	Require integer values (default: FALSE)

`.validate_process_outputs`      *Validate process\_outputs() Parameters*

### Description

Validate process\_outputs() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_process_outputs(df, parallel, workers)
```

`.validate_proxy_url`      *Validate URL Format (SOCKS5 Proxy)*

### Description

Validate URL Format (SOCKS5 Proxy)

### Usage

```
.validate_proxy_url(x, param_name)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check (NULL is valid = no proxy)
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message

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.validate\_range      *Validate Range*

---

### Description

Validate Range

### Usage

```
.validate_range(x, param_name, min = NULL, max = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	Value to check (must already be validated as numeric)
param_name	Name for error message
min	Minimum allowed value (optional)
max	Maximum allowed value (optional)

---

.validate\_required      *Validate Required Argument Presence*

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### Description

Validate Required Argument Presence

### Usage

```
.validate_required(x, param_name)
```

### Arguments

x	Value to check
param_name	Name for error message

---

```
.validate_research_inputs  
    Validate Research Inputs
```

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**Description**

Validate Research Inputs

**Usage**

```
.validate_research_inputs(  
    query,  
    schema,  
    output,  
    max_workers,  
    max_rounds,  
    budget,  
    stop_policy,  
    sources,  
    checkpoint_dir,  
    resume_from  
)
```

---

```
.validate_run_agent      Validate run_agent() Parameters
```

---

**Description**

Validate run\_agent() Parameters

**Usage**

```
.validate_run_agent(prompt, agent, recursion_limit, verbose)
```

---

```
.validate_run_task      Validate run_task() Parameters
```

---

**Description**

Validate run\_task() Parameters

**Usage**

```
.validate_run_task(prompt, output_format, agent, verbose)
```

---

```
.validate_run_task_batch
    Validate run_task_batch() Parameters
```

---

### Description

Validate run\_task\_batch() Parameters

### Usage

```
.validate_run_task_batch(
    prompts,
    output_format,
    agent,
    parallel,
    workers,
    progress
)
```

---

```
.validate_s3_class      Validate S3 Class
```

---

### Description

Validate S3 Class

### Usage

```
.validate_s3_class(x, param_name, expected_class)
```

### Arguments

x                Value to check

param\_name      Name for error message

expected\_class   Expected S3 class name

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<code>.validate_string</code>	<i>Validate Non-Empty String</i>
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## Description

Validate Non-Empty String

## Usage

```
.validate_string(x, param_name, allow_empty = FALSE, allow_na = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>allow_empty</code>	Allow empty strings (default: FALSE)
<code>allow_na</code>	Allow NA values (default: FALSE)

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<code>.validate_string_vector</code>	<i>Validate Character Vector (Non-Empty)</i>
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## Description

Validate Character Vector (Non-Empty)

## Usage

```
.validate_string_vector(x, param_name, min_length = 1L)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value to check
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error message
<code>min_length</code>	Minimum required length (default: 1)

---

`.validate_temporal`      *Validate Temporal Filtering Parameters*

---

### Description

Validates and normalizes temporal filtering parameters used by `run_task()` and `asa_enumerate()`. Returns a normalized list or NULL if input is NULL.

### Usage

```
.validate_temporal(temporal, param_name = "temporal")
```

### Arguments

<code>temporal</code>	Named list with temporal filtering options, or NULL
<code>param_name</code>	Name for error messages (default: "temporal")

### Value

Normalized temporal list or NULL

---

`.with_temporal`      *Apply Temporal Filtering for a Single Operation*

---

### Description

Internal helper that applies temporal filtering, runs a function, and restores the original setting. Used by `run_task()` and `run_task_batch()`.

### Usage

```
.with_temporal(temporal, fn)
```

### Arguments

<code>temporal</code>	Named list with temporal options (time_filter, after, before)
<code>fn</code>	Function to run with temporal filtering applied

### Value

Result of `fn()`

---

```
as.data.frame.asa_audit_result  
Convert asa_audit_result to Data Frame
```

---

**Description**

Convert asa\_audit\_result to Data Frame

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_audit_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

The audited data.frame with audit columns

---

```
as.data.frame.asa_enumerate_result  
Convert asa_enumerate_result to Data Frame
```

---

**Description**

Convert asa\_enumerate\_result to Data Frame

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

The data data.frame from the result

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**as.data.frame.asa\_result**  
*Convert asa\_result to Data Frame*

---

### Description

Convert asa\_result to Data Frame

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'  
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

A single-row data frame

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**asa\_agent** *Constructor for asa\_agent Objects*

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### Description

Creates an S3 object representing an initialized ASA search agent.

### Usage

```
asa_agent(python_agent, backend, model, config)
```

### Arguments

python_agent	The underlying Python agent object
backend	LLM backend name (e.g., "openai", "groq")
model	Model identifier
config	Agent configuration list

### Value

An object of class asa\_agent

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`asa_audit`*Audit Enumeration Results for Completeness and Quality*

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## Description

Validates enumeration results for completeness, consistency, and data quality using either Claude Code (CLI) or a LangGraph-based audit pipeline.

## Usage

```
asa_audit(
  result,
  query = NULL,
  known_universe = NULL,
  checks = c("completeness", "consistency", "gaps", "anomalies"),
  backend = c("claude_code", "langgraph"),
  claude_model = "claude-sonnet-4-20250514",
  llm_model = "gpt-4.1-mini",
  interactive = FALSE,
  confidence_threshold = 0.8,
  timeout = 120,
  verbose = TRUE,
  agent = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<code>result</code>	An <code>asa_enumerate_result</code> object or a <code>data.frame</code> to audit
<code>query</code>	The original enumeration query (inferred from <code>result</code> if <code>NULL</code> )
<code>known_universe</code>	Optional vector of expected items for completeness check
<code>checks</code>	Character vector of checks to perform. Options: "completeness", "consistency", "gaps", "anomalies". Default runs all checks.
<code>backend</code>	Backend to use for auditing: "claude_code" (CLI) or "langgraph"
<code>claude_model</code>	Model to use with Claude Code backend
<code>llm_model</code>	Model to use with LangGraph backend
<code>interactive</code>	If <code>TRUE</code> and using <code>claude_code</code> backend, spawn an interactive Claude Code session instead of programmatic invocation
<code>confidence_threshold</code>	Flag items with confidence below this threshold
<code>timeout</code>	Timeout in seconds for the audit operation
<code>verbose</code>	Print progress messages
<code>agent</code>	Existing <code>asa_agent</code> for LangGraph backend (optional)

## Details

The audit function adds three columns to the data:

- `_audit_flag`: "ok", "warning", or "suspect"
- `_audit_notes`: Explanation of any issues
- `_confidence_adjusted`: Revised confidence after audit

`## Audit Checks`

**completeness**: Checks for missing items by comparing against known\_universe (if provided) or using domain knowledge.

**consistency**: Validates data types, patterns, and value ranges.

**gaps**: Identifies systematic patterns of missing data (geographic, temporal, categorical gaps).

**anomalies**: Detects duplicates, outliers, and suspicious patterns.

## Value

An `asa_audit_result` object containing:

<code>data</code>	Original data with audit columns added ( <code>_audit_flag</code> , <code>_audit_notes</code> )
<code>audit_summary</code>	High-level summary of findings
<code>issues</code>	List of identified issues with severity and descriptions
<code>recommendations</code>	Suggested remediation queries
<code>completeness_score</code>	0-1 score for data completeness
<code>consistency_score</code>	0-1 score for data consistency

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Audit enumeration results with Claude Code
senators <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all current US senators",
  schema = c(name = "character", state = "character", party = "character")
)
audit <- asa_audit(senators, backend = "claude_code")
print(audit)

# Audit with known universe for precise completeness check
audit <- asa_audit(senators, known_universe = state.abb)

# Interactive mode for complex audits
asa_audit(senators, backend = "claude_code", interactive = TRUE)

# Use LangGraph backend
audit <- asa_audit(senators, backend = "langgraph", agent = agent)

## End(Not run)
```

`asa_audit_result`      *Constructor for asa\_audit\_result Objects*

## Description

Creates an S3 object representing the result of a data quality audit.

## Usage

```
asa_audit_result(
  data,
  audit_summary,
  issues,
  recommendations,
  completeness_score,
  consistency_score,
  backend_used,
  elapsed_time,
  query = NULL,
  checks = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	data.frame with original data plus audit columns (_audit_flag, _audit_notes)
<code>audit_summary</code>	Character string with high-level findings
<code>issues</code>	List of identified issues with severity and descriptions
<code>recommendations</code>	Character vector of suggested remediation queries
<code>completeness_score</code>	Numeric 0-1 score for data completeness
<code>consistency_score</code>	Numeric 0-1 score for data consistency
<code>backend_used</code>	Which backend performed the audit ("claude_code" or "langgraph")
<code>elapsed_time</code>	Execution time in seconds
<code>query</code>	The original query (if available)
<code>checks</code>	Character vector of checks that were performed

## Value

An object of class `asa_audit_result`

## Description

Performs intelligent open-ended research tasks using multi-agent orchestration. Decomposes complex queries into sub-tasks, executes parallel searches, and aggregates results into structured output (data.frame, CSV, or JSON).

## Usage

```
asa_enumerate(
  query,
  schema = NULL,
  output = c("data.frame", "csv", "json"),
  max_workers = 4L,
  max_rounds = 8L,
  budget = list(queries = 50L, tokens = 200000L, time_sec = 300L),
  stop_policy = list(target_items = NULL, plateau_rounds = 2L, novelty_min = 0.05,
    novelty_window = 20L),
  sources = list(web = TRUE, wikipedia = TRUE, wikidata = TRUE),
  temporal = NULL,
  pagination = TRUE,
  progress = TRUE,
  include_provenance = FALSE,
  checkpoint = TRUE,
  checkpoint_dir = tempdir(),
  resume_from = NULL,
  agent = NULL,
  backend = "openai",
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini",
  conda_env = "asa_env",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>query</code>	Character string describing the research goal. Examples: "Find all current US senators with their state, party, and term end date"
<code>schema</code>	Named character vector defining the output schema. Names are column names, values are R types ("character", "numeric", "logical"). Use <code>NULL</code> or <code>"auto"</code> for LLM-proposed schema.
<code>output</code>	Output format: <code>"data.frame"</code> (default), <code>"csv"</code> , or <code>"json"</code> .
<code>max_workers</code>	Maximum number of parallel search workers (default: 4).
<code>max_rounds</code>	Maximum research iterations (default: 8).
<code>budget</code>	Named list with resource limits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>queries</code>: Maximum search queries (default: 50)</li> <li>• <code>tokens</code>: Maximum LLM tokens (default: 200000)</li> <li>• <code>time_sec</code>: Maximum execution time in seconds (default: 300)</li> </ul>

<code>stop_policy</code>	Named list with stopping criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>target_items</code>: Stop when this many items found (NULL = unknown)</li> <li>• <code>plateau_rounds</code>: Stop after N rounds with no new items (default: 2)</li> <li>• <code>novelty_min</code>: Minimum new items ratio per round (default: 0.05)</li> <li>• <code>novelty_window</code>: Window size for novelty calculation (default: 20)</li> </ul>
<code>sources</code>	Named list controlling which sources to use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>web</code>: Use DuckDuckGo web search (default: TRUE)</li> <li>• <code>wikipedia</code>: Use Wikipedia (default: TRUE)</li> <li>• <code>wikidata</code>: Use Wikidata SPARQL for authoritative enumerations (default: TRUE)</li> </ul>
<code>temporal</code>	Named list for temporal filtering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>after</code>: ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2020-01-01") - results after this date</li> <li>• <code>before</code>: ISO 8601 date string (e.g., "2024-01-01") - results before this date</li> <li>• <code>time_filter</code>: DuckDuckGo time filter ("d", "w", "m", "y") for day/week/month/year</li> <li>• <code>strictness</code>: "best_effort" (default) or "strict" (verifies dates via metadata)</li> <li>• <code>use_wayback</code>: Use Wayback Machine for strict pre-date guarantees (default: FALSE)</li> </ul>
<code>pagination</code>	Enable pagination for large result sets (default: TRUE).
<code>progress</code>	Show progress bar and status updates (default: TRUE).
<code>include_provenance</code>	Include source URLs and confidence per row (default: FALSE).
<code>checkpoint</code>	Enable auto-save after each round (default: TRUE).
<code>checkpoint_dir</code>	Directory for checkpoint files (default: tempdir()).
<code>resume_from</code>	Path to checkpoint file to resume from (default: NULL).
<code>agent</code>	An initialized <code>asa_agent</code> object. If NULL, uses the current agent or creates a new one with specified backend/model.
<code>backend</code>	LLM backend if creating new agent: "openai", "groq", "xai", "openrouter".
<code>model</code>	Model identifier if creating new agent.
<code>conda_env</code>	Conda environment name (default: "asa_env").
<code>verbose</code>	Print status messages (default: TRUE).

## Details

The function uses a multi-agent architecture:

1. **Planner**: Decomposes query into facets and identifies authoritative sources
2. **Dispatcher**: Spawns parallel workers for each facet
3. **Workers**: Execute searches using DDG, Wikipedia, and Wikidata
4. **Extractor**: Normalizes results to match schema
5. **Deduper**: Removes duplicates using hash + fuzzy matching
6. **Stopper**: Evaluates stopping criteria (novelty, budget, saturation)

For known entity types (US senators, countries, Fortune 500), Wikidata provides authoritative enumerations with complete, verified data.

## Value

An object of class `asa_enumerate_result` containing:

- `data`: `data.frame` with results matching the schema
- `status`: "complete", "partial", or "failed"
- `stop_reason`: Why the search stopped
- `metrics`: List with rounds, `queries_used`, `novelty_curve`, `coverage`
- `provenance`: If `include_provenance=TRUE`, source info per row
- `checkpoint_file`: Path to checkpoint if saved

## Checkpointing

With `checkpoint=TRUE`, state is saved after each round. If interrupted, use `resume_from` to continue from the last checkpoint:

```
result <- asa_enumerate(query, resume_from = "/path/to/checkpoint.rds")
```

## Schema

The schema defines expected output columns:

```
schema = c(name = "character", state = "character", party = "character")
```

With `schema = "auto"`, the planner agent proposes a schema based on the query.

## See Also

[run\\_task](#), [initialize\\_agent](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Find all US senators
senators <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all current US senators with state, party, and term end date",
  schema = c(name = "character", state = "character",
             party = "character", term_end = "character"),
  stop_policy = list(target_items = 100),
  include_provenance = TRUE
)
head(senators$data)

# Find countries with auto schema
countries <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find all countries with their capitals and populations",
  schema = "auto",
  output = "csv"
)

# Resume from checkpoint
result <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find Fortune 500 CEOs",
  resume_from = "/tmp/asa_enumerate_abc123.rds"
)
```

```

# Temporal filtering: results from specific date range
companies_2020s <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find tech companies founded recently",
  temporal = list(
    after = "2020-01-01",
    before = "2024-01-01",
    strictness = "best_effort"
  )
)

# Temporal filtering: past year with DuckDuckGo time filter
recent_news <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find AI research breakthroughs",
  temporal = list(
    time_filter = "y" # past year
  )
)

# Strict temporal filtering with Wayback Machine
historical <- asa_enumerate(
  query = "Find Fortune 500 companies",
  temporal = list(
    before = "2015-01-01",
    strictness = "strict",
    use_wayback = TRUE
  )
)

## End(Not run)

```

**asa\_enumerate\_result** *Constructor for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects*

## Description

Creates an S3 object representing the result of an enumeration task.

## Usage

```

asa_enumerate_result(
  data,
  status,
  stop_reason,
  metrics,
  provenance = NULL,
  plan = NULL,
  checkpoint_file = NULL,
  query = NULL,
  schema = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame containing the enumeration results
status	Result status: "complete", "partial", or "failed"
stop_reason	Why the enumeration stopped (e.g., "target_reached", "novelty_plateau")
metrics	List with execution metrics (rounds, queries_used, etc.)
provenance	Optional data.frame with source information per row
plan	The enumeration plan from the planner agent
checkpoint_file	Path to saved checkpoint file
query	The original enumeration query
schema	The schema used for extraction

**Value**

An object of class `asa_enumerate_result`

`asa_response`

*Constructor for `asa_response` Objects*

**Description**

Creates an S3 object representing an agent response.

**Usage**

```
asa_response(
  message,
  status_code,
  raw_response,
  trace,
  elapsed_time,
  fold_count,
  prompt
)
```

**Arguments**

message	The final response text
status_code	Status code (200 = success, 100 = error)
raw_response	The full Python response object
trace	Full text trace of agent execution
elapsed_time	Execution time in minutes
fold_count	Number of memory folds performed
prompt	The original prompt

**Value**

An object of class `asa_response`

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**asa\_result***Constructor for asa\_result Objects*

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**Description**

Creates an S3 object representing the result of a research task.

**Usage**

```
asa_result(prompt, message, parsed, raw_output, elapsed_time, status)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prompt</code>	The original prompt
<code>message</code>	The agent's response text
<code>parsed</code>	Parsed output (list or NULL)
<code>raw_output</code>	Full agent trace
<code>elapsed_time</code>	Execution time in minutes
<code>status</code>	Status ("success" or "error")

**Value**

An object of class `asa_result`

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**build\_backend***Build the Python Backend Environment*

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**Description**

Creates a conda environment with all required Python dependencies for the asa search agent, including LangChain, LangGraph, and search tools.

**Usage**

```
build_backend(conda_env = "asa_env", conda = "auto", python_version = "3.13")
```

**Arguments**

<code>conda_env</code>	Name of the conda environment (default: "asa_env")
<code>conda</code>	Path to conda executable (default: "auto")
<code>python_version</code>	Python version to use (default: "3.13")

## Details

This function creates a new conda environment and installs the following Python packages:

- langchain\_groq, langchain\_community, langchain\_openai
- langgraph
- ddgs (DuckDuckGo search)
- selenium, primp (browser automation)
- beautifulsoup4, requests
- fake\_headers, httpx
- pysocks, socksio (proxy support)

## Value

Invisibly returns NULL; called for side effects.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Create the default environment  
build_backend()  
  
# Create with a custom name  
build_backend(conda_env = "my_asa_env")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

## build\_prompt

*Build a Task Prompt from Template*

---

## Description

Creates a formatted prompt by substituting variables into a template.

## Usage

```
build_prompt(template, ...)
```

## Arguments

template	A character string with placeholders in the form {variable_name}
...	Named arguments to substitute into the template

## Value

A formatted prompt string

## Examples

```
## Not run:
prompt <- build_prompt(
  template = "Find information about {{name}} in {{country}} during {{year}}",
  name = "Marie Curie",
  country = "France",
  year = 1903
)

## End(Not run)
```

<code>check_backend</code>	<i>Check Python Environment Availability</i>
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## Description

Checks if the required Python environment and packages are available.

## Usage

```
check_backend(conda_env = "asa_env")
```

## Arguments

<code>conda_env</code>	Name of the conda environment to check
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## Value

A list with components:

- `available`: Logical, TRUE if environment is ready
- `conda_env`: Name of the environment checked
- `python_version`: Python version if available
- `missing_packages`: Character vector of missing packages (if any)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
status <- check_backend()
if (!status$available) {
  build_backend()
}

## End(Not run)
```

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clean_whitespace	<i>Clean Whitespace</i>
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## Description

Normalizes whitespace in a string by collapsing multiple spaces and trimming leading/trailing whitespace.

## Usage

```
clean_whitespace(x)
```

## Arguments

x	Character string
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## Value

Cleaned string

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configure_search	<i>Configure Python Search Parameters</i>
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## Description

Sets global configuration values for the Python search module. These values control timeouts, retry behavior, and result limits.

## Usage

```
configure_search(  
    max_results = NULL,  
    timeout = NULL,  
    max_retries = NULL,  
    retry_delay = NULL,  
    backoff_multiplier = NULL,  
    captcha_backoff_base = NULL,  
    page_load_wait = NULL,  
    inter_search_delay = NULL,  
    conda_env = "asa_env"  
)
```

## Arguments

max_results	Maximum number of search results to return (default: 10)
timeout	HTTP request timeout in seconds (default: 15)
max_retries	Maximum retry attempts on failure (default: 3)
retry_delay	Initial delay between retries in seconds (default: 2)

```

backoff_multiplier
    Multiplier for exponential backoff (default: 1.5)
captcha_backoff_base
    Base multiplier for CAPTCHA backoff (default: 3)
page_load_wait  Wait time after page load in seconds (default: 2)
inter_search_delay
    Delay between consecutive searches in seconds (default: 0.5)
conda_env      Name of the conda environment (default: "asa_env")

```

### **Value**

Invisibly returns a list with the current configuration

### **Examples**

```

## Not run:
# Increase timeout for slow connections
configure_search(timeout = 30, max_retries = 5)

# Get more results
configure_search(max_results = 20)

# Add delay between searches to avoid rate limiting
configure_search(inter_search_delay = 2.0)

## End(Not run)

```

`configure_search_logging`  
*Configure Python Search Logging Level*

### **Description**

Sets the logging level for the Python search module. This controls how much diagnostic output is produced during web searches.

### **Usage**

```
configure_search_logging(level = "WARNING", conda_env = "asa_env")
```

### **Arguments**

level	Log level: "DEBUG", "INFO", "WARNING" (default), "ERROR", or "CRITICAL"
conda_env	Name of the conda environment (default: "asa_env")

## Details

Log levels from most to least verbose:

- DEBUG: Detailed diagnostic information for debugging
- INFO: General operational information
- WARNING: Indicates something unexpected but not an error (default)
- ERROR: Serious problems that prevented an operation
- CRITICAL: Very serious errors

## Value

Invisibly returns the current logging level

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# Enable verbose debugging output  
configure_search_logging("DEBUG")  
  
# Run a search (will show detailed logs)  
result <- run_task("What is the population of Tokyo?", agent = agent)  
  
# Disable verbose output  
configure_search_logging("WARNING")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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## configure\_temporal      *Configure Temporal Filtering for Search*

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### Description

Sets or clears temporal filtering on the DuckDuckGo search tool. This affects all subsequent searches until changed or cleared.

### Usage

```
configure_temporal(time_filter = NULL)
```

### Arguments

**time\_filter**      DuckDuckGo time filter: "d" (day), "w" (week), "m" (month), "y" (year), or NULL/NA/"none" to clear

### Details

This function modifies the search tool's time parameter, which is passed to DuckDuckGo as the df parameter. The filter restricts results to content indexed within the specified time period.

Note: This only affects DuckDuckGo searches. For Wikidata queries with temporal filtering, use asa\_enumerate() with its temporal parameter.

**Value**

Invisibly returns the previous time filter setting

**Time Filter Values**

- "d": Past 24 hours (day)
- "w": Past 7 days (week)
- "m": Past 30 days (month)
- "y": Past 365 days (year)
- NULL, NA, or "none": No time restriction (default)

**See Also**

[run\\_task](#), [asa\\_enumerate](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Restrict to past year
configure_temporal("y")
result <- run_task("Find recent AI breakthroughs", agent = agent)

# Clear temporal filter
configure_temporal(NULL)

# Past week only
configure_temporal("w")

## End(Not run)
```

*decode\_html*

*Decode HTML Entities*

**Description**

Converts HTML entities to their character equivalents.

**Usage**

`decode_html(x)`

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Character string with HTML entities
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**Value**

Decoded string

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`extract_agent_results` *Extract Structured Data from Agent Traces*

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**Description**

Parses raw agent output to extract search snippets, Wikipedia content, URLs, JSON data, and search tier information. This is the main function for post-processing agent traces.

**Usage**

```
extract_agent_results(raw_output)
```

**Arguments**

<code>raw_output</code>	Raw output string from agent invocation (the trace field from an <code>asa_response</code> object)
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**Value**

A list with components:

- `search_snippets`: Character vector of search result content
- `search_urls`: Character vector of URLs from search results
- `wikipedia_snippets`: Character vector of Wikipedia content
- `json_data`: Extracted JSON data as a list (if present)
- `search_tiers`: Character vector of unique search tiers used (e.g., "primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests")

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
response <- run_agent("Who is the president of France?", agent)
extracted <- extract_agent_results(response$trace)
print(extracted$search_snippets)
print(extracted$search_tiers) # Shows which search tier was used

## End(Not run)
```

---

`extract_search_snippets`

*Extract Search Snippets by Source Number*

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**Description**

Extracts content from Search tool messages in the agent trace.

**Usage**

```
extract_search_snippets(text)
```

**Arguments**

text	Raw agent trace text
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**Value**

Character vector of search snippets, ordered by source number

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
snippets <- extract_search_snippets(response$trace)

## End(Not run)
```

**extract\_search\_tiers**    *Extract Search Tier Information*

**Description**

Extracts which search tier was used from the agent trace. The search module uses a multi-tier fallback system:

- primp: Fast HTTP client with browser impersonation (Tier 0)
- selenium: Headless browser for JS-rendered content (Tier 1)
- ddgs: Standard DDGS Python library (Tier 2)
- requests: Raw POST to DuckDuckGo HTML endpoint (Tier 3)

**Usage**

```
extract_search_tiers(text)
```

**Arguments**

text	Raw agent trace text
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**Value**

Character vector of unique tier names encountered (e.g., "primp", "selenium", "ddgs", "requests")

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
tiers <- extract_search_tiers(response$trace)
print(tiers) # e.g., "primp"

## End(Not run)
```

---

`extract_urls`

*Extract URLs by Source Number*

---

### Description

Extracts URLs from Search tool messages in the agent trace.

### Usage

```
extract_urls(text)
```

### Arguments

text            Raw agent trace text

### Value

Character vector of URLs, ordered by source number

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
urls <- extract_urls(response$trace)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

`extract_wikipedia_content`

*Extract Wikipedia Content*

---

### Description

Extracts content from Wikipedia tool messages in the agent trace.

### Usage

```
extract_wikipedia_content(text)
```

### Arguments

text            Raw agent trace text

### Value

Character vector of Wikipedia snippets

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
wiki <- extract_wikipedia_content(response$trace)

## End(Not run)
```

format_duration	<i>Format Time Duration</i>
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**Description**

Formats a numeric duration (in minutes) as a human-readable string.

**Usage**

```
format_duration(minutes)
```

**Arguments**

minutes	Numeric duration in minutes
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**Value**

Formatted string

get_agent	<i>Get the Current Agent</i>
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**Description**

Returns the currently initialized agent, or NULL if not initialized.

**Usage**

```
get_agent()
```

**Value**

An asa\_agent object or NULL

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
agent <- get_agent()
if (is.null(agent)) {
  agent <- initialize_agent()
}

## End(Not run)
```

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get_tor_ip	<i>Get External IP via Tor</i>
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### Description

Retrieves the external IP address as seen through Tor proxy.

### Usage

```
get_tor_ip(proxy = "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050")
```

### Arguments

proxy	Tor proxy URL
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### Value

IP address string or NA on failure

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
ip <- get_tor_ip()  
message("Current Tor IP: ", ip)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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initialize_agent	<i>Initialize the ASA Search Agent</i>
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### Description

Initializes the Python environment and creates the LangGraph agent with search tools (Wikipedia, DuckDuckGo). The agent can use multiple LLM backends and supports DeepAgent-style memory folding.

### Usage

```
initialize_agent(  
  backend = "openai",  
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini",  
  conda_env = "asa_env",  
  proxy = "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050",  
  use_memory_folding = TRUE,  
  memory_threshold = 4L,  
  memory_keep_recent = 2L,  
  rate_limit = 0.2,  
  timeout = 120L,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

backend	LLM backend to use. One of: "openai", "groq", "xai", "exo", "openrouter"
model	Model identifier (e.g., "gpt-4.1-mini", "llama-3.3-70b-versatile")
conda_env	Name of the conda environment with Python dependencies
proxy	SOCKS5 proxy URL for Tor (default: "socks5h://127.0.0.1:9050"). Set to NULL to disable proxy.
use_memory_folding	Enable DeepAgent-style memory compression (default: TRUE)
memory_threshold	Number of messages before folding triggers (default: 4)
memory_keep_recent	Number of recent messages to preserve after folding (default: 2)
rate_limit	Requests per second for rate limiting (default: 0.2)
timeout	Request timeout in seconds (default: 120)
verbose	Print status messages (default: TRUE)

### Details

The agent is created with two tools:

- Wikipedia: For looking up encyclopedic information
- DuckDuckGo Search: For web searches with a 4-tier fallback system (PRIMP -> Selenium -> DDGS library -> raw requests)

Memory folding (enabled by default) compresses older messages into a summary to manage context length in long conversations, following the DeepAgent paper.

### Value

An object of class `asa_agent` containing the initialized agent and configuration.

### API Keys

The following environment variables should be set based on your backend:

- OpenAI: OPENAI\_API\_KEY
- Groq: GROQ\_API\_KEY
- xAI: XAI\_API\_KEY
- OpenRouter: OPENROUTER\_API\_KEY

### OpenRouter Models

When using the "openrouter" backend, model names must be in provider/model-name format.  
Examples:

- "openai/gpt-4o"
- "anthropic/cllaude-3-sonnet"
- "google/gemma-2-9b-it:free"
- "meta-llama/llama-3-70b-instruct"

See <https://openrouter.ai/models> for available models.

**See Also**[run\\_agent](#), [run\\_task](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Initialize with OpenAI  
agent <- initialize_agent(  
  backend = "openai",  
  model = "gpt-4.1-mini"  
)  
  
# Initialize with Groq and custom settings  
agent <- initialize_agent(  
  backend = "groq",  
  model = "llama-3.3-70b-versatile",  
  use_memory_folding = FALSE,  
  proxy = NULL # No Tor proxy  
)  
  
# Initialize with OpenRouter (access to 100+ models)  
agent <- initialize_agent(  
  backend = "openrouter",  
  model = "anthropic/clause-3-sonnet" # Note: provider/model format  
)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

**is\_tor\_running**      *Check if Tor is Running*

---

**Description**

Checks if Tor is running and accessible on the default port.

**Usage**

```
is_tor_running(port = 9050L)
```

**Arguments**

**port**      Port number (default: 9050)

**Value**

Logical indicating if Tor appears to be running

## Examples

```
## Not run:
if (!is_tor_running()) {
  message("Start Tor with: brew services start tor")
}

## End(Not run)
```

**json\_escape**

*Clean Text for JSON Output*

## Description

Escapes special characters in text for safe inclusion in JSON strings.

## Usage

```
json_escape(x)
```

## Arguments

x	Character string to escape
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## Value

Escaped string

**print.asa\_agent**

*Print Method for asa\_agent Objects*

## Description

Print Method for asa\_agent Objects

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_agent'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An asa_agent object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

## Value

Invisibly returns the object

---

**print.asa\_audit\_result**

*Print Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects*

---

**Description**

Print Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'  
print(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_audit_result object
n	Number of data rows to preview (default: 6)
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

---

**print.asa\_enumerate\_result**

*Print Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects*

---

**Description**

Print Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'  
print(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
n	Number of data rows to preview (default: 6)
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns the object

---

**print.asa\_response**      *Print Method for asa\_response Objects*

---

## Description

Print Method for asa\_response Objects

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_response'  
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An asa_response object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

## Value

Invisibly returns the object

---

**print.asa\_result**      *Print Method for asa\_result Objects*

---

## Description

Print Method for asa\_result Objects

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'  
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

## Value

Invisibly returns the object

---

`print2`*Print Utility*

---

**Description**

Wrapper around cat for consistent output formatting.

**Usage**

```
print2(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                    Arguments passed to cat

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`process_outputs`*Process Multiple Agent Outputs*

---

**Description**

Processes a data frame of raw agent outputs, extracting structured data.

**Usage**

```
process_outputs(df, parallel = FALSE, workers = 10L)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	Data frame with a 'raw_output' column containing agent traces
<code>parallel</code>	Use parallel processing
<code>workers</code>	Number of workers

**Value**

The input data frame with additional extracted columns: search\_count, wiki\_count, and any JSON fields found

reset\_agent

*Reset the Agent***Description**

Clears the initialized agent state, forcing reinitialization on next use. Also closes any open HTTP clients to prevent resource leaks.

**Usage**

```
reset_agent()
```

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

rotate\_tor\_circuit

*Rotate Tor Circuit***Description**

Requests a new Tor circuit by restarting the Tor service.

**Usage**

```
rotate_tor_circuit(method = c("brew", "systemctl", "signal"), wait = 12L)
```

**Arguments**

method            Method to restart: "brew" (macOS), "systemctl" (Linux), or "signal"

wait            Seconds to wait for new circuit (default: 12)

**Value**

Invisibly returns NULL

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
rotate_tor_circuit()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

**run\_agent***Run the ASA Agent with a Custom Prompt*

---

**Description**

Invokes the search agent with an arbitrary prompt, returning the full agent trace and response. This is the low-level function for running the agent; for structured task execution, use [run\\_task](#).

**Usage**

```
run_agent(prompt, agent = NULL, recursion_limit = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prompt</code>	The prompt to send to the agent
<code>agent</code>	An <code>asa_agent</code> object from <a href="#">initialize_agent</a> , or <code>NULL</code> to use/create the default agent
<code>recursion_limit</code>	Maximum number of agent steps (default: 100 for memory folding, 20 otherwise)
<code>verbose</code>	Print status messages (default: <code>FALSE</code> )

**Value**

An object of class `asa_response` containing:

- `message`: The final response text
- `status_code`: 200 for success, 100 for error
- `raw_response`: The full Python response object
- `trace`: Full text trace of agent execution
- `elapsed_time`: Execution time in minutes
- `fold_count`: Number of memory folds (if memory folding enabled)

**See Also**

[initialize\\_agent](#), [run\\_task](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Run with a custom prompt  
agent <- initialize_agent()  
result <- run_agent(  
  prompt = "Who was the 44th president of the United States?",  
  agent = agent  
)  
print(result$message)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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<code>run_agent_batch</code>	<i>Run Agent in Batch Mode</i>
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## Description

Runs the agent on multiple prompts, optionally in parallel.

## Usage

```
run_agent_batch(
  prompts,
  agent = NULL,
  parallel = FALSE,
  workers = 4L,
  progress = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>prompts</code>	Character vector of prompts
<code>agent</code>	An <code>asa_agent</code> object
<code>parallel</code>	Use parallel processing (requires <code>future.apply</code> package)
<code>workers</code>	Number of parallel workers (default: 4)
<code>progress</code>	Show progress bar (default: TRUE)

## Value

A list of `asa_response` objects

## Examples

```
## Not run:
prompts <- c(
  "What is the population of Tokyo?",
  "What is the population of New York?"
)
results <- run_agent_batch(prompts, agent)

## End(Not run)
```

---

**run\_task***Run a Structured Task with the Agent*

---

**Description**

Executes a research task using the AI search agent with a structured prompt and returns parsed results.

**Usage**

```
run_task(  
  prompt,  
  output_format = "text",  
  temporal = NULL,  
  agent = NULL,  
  verbose = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>prompt</code>	The task prompt or question for the agent to research
<code>output_format</code>	Expected output format. One of: "text" (raw response), "json" (parse as JSON), or a character vector of field names to extract
<code>temporal</code>	Named list for temporal filtering of search results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>time_filter</code>: DuckDuckGo time filter - "d" (day), "w" (week), "m" (month), "y" (year)</li><li>• <code>after</code>: ISO 8601 date (e.g., "2020-01-01") - hint for results after this date (added to prompt context)</li><li>• <code>before</code>: ISO 8601 date (e.g., "2024-01-01") - hint for results before this date (added to prompt context)</li></ul>
<code>agent</code>	An <code>asa_agent</code> object from <a href="#">initialize_agent</a> , or <code>NULL</code> to use the currently initialized agent
<code>verbose</code>	Print progress messages (default: <code>FALSE</code> )

**Details**

This function provides a high-level interface for running research tasks. For simple text responses, use `output_format = "text"`. For structured outputs, use `output_format = "json"` or specify field names to extract.

When temporal filtering is specified, the search tool's time filter is temporarily set for this task and restored afterward. Date hints (after/before) are appended to the prompt to guide the agent's search behavior.

**Value**

An object of class `asa_result` with components:

- `prompt`: The original prompt
- `message`: The agent's response text

- parsed: Parsed output (if output\_format specified)
- raw\_output: Full agent trace
- elapsed\_time: Execution time in minutes
- status: "success" or "error"

## See Also

[initialize\\_agent](#), [run\\_agent](#), [run\\_task\\_batch](#), [configure\\_temporal](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Initialize agent first
agent <- initialize_agent(backend = "openai", model = "gpt-4.1-mini")

# Simple text query
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "What is the capital of France?",
  output_format = "text",
  agent = agent
)
print(result$message)

# JSON structured output
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find information about Albert Einstein and return JSON with
            fields: birth_year, death_year, nationality, field_of_study",
  output_format = "json",
  agent = agent
)
print(result$parsed)

# With temporal filtering (past year only)
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find recent AI research breakthroughs",
  temporal = list(time_filter = "y"),
  agent = agent
)

# With date range hint
result <- run_task(
  prompt = "Find tech companies founded recently",
  temporal = list(
    time_filter = "y",
    after = "2020-01-01",
    before = "2024-01-01"
  ),
  agent = agent
)

## End(Not run)
```

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run_task_batch	<i>Run Multiple Tasks in Batch</i>
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## Description

Executes multiple research tasks, optionally in parallel.

## Usage

```
run_task_batch(  
  prompts,  
  output_format = "text",  
  temporal = NULL,  
  agent = NULL,  
  parallel = FALSE,  
  workers = 4L,  
  progress = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

prompts	Character vector of task prompts, or a data frame with a 'prompt' column
output_format	Expected output format (applies to all tasks)
temporal	Named list for temporal filtering (applies to all tasks). See <a href="#">run_task</a> for details.
agent	An asa_agent object
parallel	Use parallel processing
workers	Number of parallel workers
progress	Show progress messages

## Value

A list of asa\_result objects, or if prompts was a data frame, the data frame with result columns added

## See Also

[run\\_task](#), [configure\\_temporal](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
prompts <- c(  
  "What is the population of Tokyo?",  
  "What is the population of New York?",  
  "What is the population of London?"  
)  
results <- run_task_batch(prompts, agent = agent)  
  
# With temporal filtering for all tasks  
results <- run_task_batch(  
  prompts,
```

```

temporal = list(time_filter = "y"),
agent = agent
)

## End(Not run)

```

**safe\_json\_parse**      *Safe JSON Parse*

### Description

Attempts to parse JSON, returning NULL on failure.

### Usage

```
safe_json_parse(x)
```

### Arguments

x	JSON string
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### Value

Parsed R object or NULL

**summary.asa\_agent**      *Summary Method for asa\_agent Objects*

### Description

Summary Method for asa\_agent Objects

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'asa_agent'
summary(object, ...)

```

### Arguments

object	An asa_agent object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns a summary list

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**summary.asa\_audit\_result**

*Summary Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects*

---

**Description**

Summary Method for asa\_audit\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_audit_result'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An asa_audit_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list

---

**summary.asa\_enumerate\_result**

*Summary Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects*

---

**Description**

Summary Method for asa\_enumerate\_result Objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_enumerate_result'  
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An asa_enumerate_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

**Value**

Invisibly returns a summary list

---

**summary.asa\_response**    *Summary Method for asa\_response Objects*

---

### Description

Summary Method for asa\_response Objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_response'  
summary(object, show_trace = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An asa_response object
show_trace	Include full trace in output
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns a summary list

---

**summary.asa\_result**    *Summary Method for asa\_result Objects*

---

### Description

Summary Method for asa\_result Objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'asa_result'  
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	An asa_result object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns a summary list

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truncate_string	<i>Truncate String</i>
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**Description**

Truncates a string to a maximum length, adding ellipsis if truncated.

**Usage**

```
truncate_string(x, max_length = 100, ellipsis = "...")
```

**Arguments**

x	Character string
max_length	Maximum length
ellipsis	String to append when truncated

**Value**

Truncated string

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write_csv.asa_enumerate_result	<i>Write asa_enumerate_result to CSV</i>
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**Description**

Write asa\_enumerate\_result to CSV

**Usage**

```
write_csv.asa_enumerate_result(x, file, include_provenance = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An asa_enumerate_result object
file	Path to output CSV file
include_provenance	Include provenance as additional columns
...	Additional arguments passed to write.csv

**Value**

Invisibly returns the file path

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