# Package 'ottr'

November 10, 2024
Title An R Autograding Extension for Otter-Grader
Version 1.5.1
Maintainer Christopher Pyles <cpyles@berkeley.edu></cpyles@berkeley.edu>
<b>Description</b> An R autograding extension for Otter-Grader ( <a href="https://otter-grader.readthedocs.io">https://otter-grader.readthedocs.io</a> ). It supports grading R scripts, R Markdown documents, and R Jupyter Notebooks.
License BSD_3_clause + file LICENSE
Encoding UTF-8
RoxygenNote 7.3.2
<b>Depends</b> R (>= $4.0.0$ )
<b>Imports</b> jsonlite, testthat, tools, R6, zip, methods
Suggests IRdisplay, mockery, rmarkdown, stringr, withr, IRkernel
Config/testthat/edition 3
NeedsCompilation no
Author Christopher Pyles [aut, cre] ( <a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8520-7593">https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8520-7593</a> ), UC Berkeley Data Science Education Program [cph]
Repository CRAN
<b>Date/Publication</b> 2024-11-10 16:40:02 UTC
Contents
check CheckCollector collector_env collector_varname execute_script export get_collector grade_script GradingResults initialize collector

2 check

Index		17
	valid_syntax	15
	update_ast_check_calls	15
	TestFileResult	13
	TestCaseResult	12
	TestCase	10
	save_notebook	10
	run_autograder	9
	running_on_jupyter	9
	load_test_cases	8

check

Run the test cases in a test file

### Description

Execute checks in a test suite and return the TestFileResult object from executing the test. Optionally prints results of the test to console.

### Usage

```
check(test_file, test_env, show_results)
```

### **Arguments**

test\_file Path to a test file
test\_env An environment against which to run tests
show\_results Whether to print the results to stdout

#### Value

The parsed test results for the suite

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
check("tests/q1.R")
## End(Not run)
```

CheckCollector 3

CheckCollector

An R6 class for collecting TestFileResult objects during grading.

### **Description**

A collection of test file results created while grading an assignment

#### **Public fields**

test\_file\_results The TestFileResult objects created during grading

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

```
• CheckCollector$new()
```

- CheckCollector\$add\_result()
- CheckCollector\$get\_results()
- CheckCollector\$clone()

```
Method new(): Create a CheckCollector. Add a TestFileResult to this collector.
```

Usage:

CheckCollector\$new()

#### Method add\_result():

Usage:

CheckCollector\$add\_result(test\_file\_result)

Arguments:

test\_file\_result The TestFileResult to add Retrieve the list TestFileResult objects stored in this collector.

### Method get\_results():

Usage:

CheckCollector\$get\_results()

Returns: The list of TestFileResult objects

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

CheckCollector\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

4 collector\_varname

collector_env	An environment into which a collector will be initialized (so we don't need to update global variables).
	•

### Description

An environment into which a collector will be initialized (so we don't need to update global variables).

### Usage

collector\_env

#### **Format**

An object of class environment of length 0.

collector\_varname

The name of the active collector variable in collector\_env

### Description

The name of the active collector variable in collector\_env

### Usage

collector\_varname

#### **Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

execute\_script 5

execute\_script

Generate an environment from an R script

### Description

Execute a string as an R script and return the environment from that execution.

Converts a string to an AST and executes that script in a dummy environment for running test cases against. Transforms all expressions of the form . = ottr::check(...) by replacing the . with an index into a list in the environment with name check\_results\_{SECRET} to collect the TestFileResult objects generated from those checks. (This helps to handle variable name collisions in tests when grading a script.)

#### Usage

```
execute_script(script, ignore_errors)
```

### Arguments

script The string to be executed

ignore\_errors Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script

#### Value

The global environment after executing the script

export

Export a submission to a zip file

### Description

Export a submission to a zip file for submitting. If indicated, a PDF of the submission is generated and included in the zip file. (PDF generation is only supported for Rmd and ipynb files.)

### Usage

```
export(
   submission_path,
   export_path = NULL,
   display_link = TRUE,
   pdf = FALSE,
   force_save = FALSE,
   debug = FALSE
)
```

6 grade\_script

#### **Arguments**

submission\_path

The path to the submission

export\_path The path at which to write the zip file (optional)
display\_link Whether to display a download link with IRdisplay

pdf Whether to include a PDF of the submission (only works for Rmd and ipynb

files)

force\_save Whether to attempt to force-save the notebook if running on Jupyter

debug Whether to stop on PDF generation errors

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
export("hw01.ipynb")

# with pdf
export("hw01.ipynb", pdf = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

get\_collector

Retrieve the global CheckCollector

#### **Description**

Retrieve the global CheckCollector

### Usage

```
get_collector()
```

grade\_script

Grade an R script against a series of test files

### Description

Execute a script, parse check outputs, and run additional tests specified by the glob pattern tests\_glob on the test environment.

### Usage

```
grade_script(script_path, tests_glob, ignore_errors)
```

GradingResults 7

#### **Arguments**

```
script_path The path to the script
tests_glob The pattern to search for extra tests
ignore_errors Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script
```

#### Value

The GradingResults object after executing tests referenced in the script and those specified by tests\_glob

GradingResults

An R6 class representing a collection of test case results

#### **Description**

A collection of test case results that correspond to a single test file.

#### **Public fields**

test\_file\_results The TestFileResult objects that make up this grading

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

- GradingResults\$new()
- GradingResults\$to\_list()
- GradingResults\$to\_json()
- GradingResults\$clone()

Method new(): Create a grading result.

Usage:

GradingResults\$new(test\_file\_results)

Arguments:

test\_file\_results The TestFileResult objects that make up this grading result

**Method** to\_list(): Convert these results to a JSON-like list that can be convert to a GradingResults object by Otter's Python library.

The returned list has the JSON format

8 load\_test\_cases

Usage:

GradingResults\$to\_list() Returns: The generated list

**Method** to\_json(): Export these results to a JSON string.

Usage:

GradingResults\$to\_json() Returns: The JSON string

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

GradingResults\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

#### **Description**

Create a new global CheckCollector

#### Usage

initialize\_collector()

load\_test\_cases

Load test cases from a test file

#### **Description**

Load test case data from a test file. Executes the file and grabs the global test variable, which should be a list.

#### Usage

```
load_test_cases(test_file)
```

### **Arguments**

The path to the test file test\_file

#### Value

The test cases

running\_on\_jupyter 9

running\_on\_jupyter

Determine whether this R session is running on Jupyter.

### Description

Determine whether this R session is running on Jupyter by checking for a CommManager in IRk-ernel.

#### Usage

```
running_on_jupyter()
```

#### Value

A boolean indicating whether IRkernel is running.

#### **Examples**

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

run\_autograder

Grade an R script against test files in a directory

### Description

Run autograder in a Gradescope container and return the results as a properly-formatted JSON string.

### Usage

```
run_autograder(script_path, ignore_errors, test_dir)
```

## Arguments

script\_path The path to the script

ignore\_errors Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script

test\_dir A directory of tests to glob from

#### Value

The JSON string

TestCase

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
run_autograder("hw01.R", "ABC123", TRUE, "tests")
## End(Not run)
```

save\_notebook

Attempt to save the current notebook.

#### **Description**

Attempt to save the notebook by displaying Javascript if running on Jupyter. This function waits until the modification time of the file has changed or until the specified timeout expires.

#### Usage

```
save_notebook(nb_path, timeout = 10)
```

#### **Arguments**

nb\_path The path to the notebook

timeout Number of seconds to wait for save

#### Value

A boolean indicating whether the file was saved successfully. If Jupyter is not running, this function returns TRUE.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
save_notebook("foo.ipynb")
## End(Not run)
```

TestCase

An R6 class representing a test case

### **Description**

A test case for Ottr. Contains configurations and code to be executed for the test.

TestCase 11

#### **Public fields**

```
name The name of the test case

code The code to be executed as part of the test case

points The point value of the test case

hidden Whether the test case is hidden

success_message A message to show to students if the test passes

failure_message A message to show to students if the test fails
```

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

```
• TestCase$new()
```

- TestCase\$run()
- TestCase\$to\_list()
- TestCase\$clone()

**Method** new(): Create a test case.

```
Usage:
TestCase$new(
  name,
  code,
  points = 1,
  hidden = FALSE,
  success_message = NA,
  failure_message = NA
)
Arguments:
name The name of the test case
code The code to be executed as part of the test case
points The point value of the test case
hidden Whether the test case is hidden
success_message A message to show to students if the test passes
failure_message A message to show to students if the test fails
```

**Method** run(): Run the test case against the provided environment.

```
Usage:
TestCase$run(env)

Arguments:
env The environment to run the test case in
```

Method to\_list(): Convert this test case to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.

```
Usage:
TestCase$to_list()
```

12 TestCaseResult

Returns: The list representation of this test case

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

```
Usage:
TestCase$clone(deep = FALSE)
Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

#### **Examples**

```
tc = TestCase$new("q1", {
   testthat::assert_true(q1.ans)
})
env = new.env()
env$q1.ans = TRUE
tc$run(env)
```

TestCaseResult

An R6 representing the results of running a test case

#### Description

Represents the results of running a test case against a global environment. Contains metadata about the passing/failing of the test case as well as a reference to the test case itself.

### **Public fields**

```
passed Whether the test passed
error An error raised by executing the test, if any
test_case The TestCase that this result tracks
```

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

```
• TestCaseResult$new()
```

- TestCaseResult\$get\_score()
- TestCaseResult\$repr()
- TestCaseResult\$to\_list()
- TestCaseResult\$get\_message()
- TestCaseResult\$clone()

```
Method new(): Create a test case result.
```

```
Usage:
TestCaseResult$new(passed, error, test_case)
Arguments:
```

TestFileResult 13

passed Whether the test passed error An error raised by executing the test, if any test\_case The TestCase that this result tracks

**Method** get\_score(): Get the score earned for this test case, accounting for whether the test passed or failed.

Usage:

TestCaseResult\$get\_score()

Returns: The score

**Method** repr(): Convert this result into a human-readable string for display.

Usage:

TestCaseResult\$repr()

Returns: The string representation of this result

**Method** to\_list(): Convert this result to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.

Usage:

TestCaseResult\$to\_list()

Returns: The list representation of this result

**Method** get\_message(): Get the message to be displayed to the student based on whether the test case passed or failed, if any.

Usage:

TestCaseResult\$get\_message()

Returns: The message or NA

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

TestCaseResult\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

TestFileResult

An R6 class representing a collection of test case results

#### Description

A collection of test case results that correspond to a single test file.

### **Public fields**

test\_case\_results The TestCaseResult objects that make up this test file filename The name of the test file points The point value of the test file or a list of test case point values

14 **TestFileResult** 

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

```
Methods
     Public methods:
       • TestFileResult$new()
       • TestFileResult$get_basename()
       • TestFileResult$get_score()
       • TestFileResult$repr()
       • TestFileResult$to_list()
       • TestFileResult$clone()
     Method new(): Create a test file result.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$new(filename, test_case_results, points = NULL)
       Arguments:
       filename The name of the test file
       test_case_results The TestCaseResult objects that make up this test file
       points The point value of the test file or a list of test case point values
     Method get_basename(): Get the basename of the file this result corresponds to.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$get_basename()
       Returns: The basename of the test file
     Method get_score(): Get the total score earned for this test file as a percentage. Uses
     TestCaseResult$get_score() to determine the points earned for each test case.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$get_score()
       Returns: The score as a percentage.
     Method repr(): Convert this result into a human-readable string for display.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$repr()
       Returns: The string representation of this result
     Method to_list(): Convert this result to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$to_list()
       Returns: The list representation of this result
     Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.
       Usage:
       TestFileResult$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

update\_ast\_check\_calls 15

```
update_ast_check_calls
```

Collect results of calls to ottr::check in an AST

### Description

Traverse an AST (a list of expressions) and change calls of the form . = ottr::check(...) so that they are appended to a list with name list\_name.

If list\_name is check\_results\_XX, then . = ottr::check(...) becomes check\_results\_XX[[<int>]] = ottr::check where <int> is an integer

#### Usage

```
update_ast_check_calls(tree, list_name)
```

#### **Arguments**

tree The tree to traverse

list\_name The quoted name of the list

#### Value

The tree with substitutions made

valid\_syntax

Check whether a string is valid R code

### Description

Determine whether a code snippet has any syntax errors.

Determine whether a code snippet has any syntax errors.

#### Usage

```
valid_syntax(script)
valid_syntax(script)
```

### **Arguments**

script

The code snippet

#### Value

Whether the code snippet is valid (can be parsed with parse)

Whether the code snippet is valid (can be parsed with parse)

valid\_syntax

### Examples

```
s = "
a = TRUE
b = c(1, 2, 3)
d = function(x) x ^ 2
f = d(b)
valid_syntax(s)
#> [1] TRUE
s = "
if (TRUE) {
a = c(1, 2)
valid_syntax(s)
#> [1] FALSE
s = "
a = TRUE
b = c(1, 2, 3)
d = function(x) x ^ 2
f = d(b)
valid_syntax(s)
#> [1] TRUE
s = "
if (TRUE) {
a = c(1, 2)
valid_syntax(s)
#> [1] FALSE
```

## **Index**

```
* datasets
    collector_env, 4
    collector_varname, 4
check, 2
CheckCollector, 3, 3, 6, 8
collector_env, 4, 4
collector_varname, 4
execute_script, 5
export, 5
get_collector, 6
grade_script, 6
GradingResults, 7, 7
initialize\_collector, 8
load\_test\_cases, 8
run_autograder, 9
running_on_jupyter,9
save\_notebook, \\ 10
TestCase, 10, 12
TestCaseResult, 12, 13, 14
TestCaseResult$get_score(), 14
TestFileResult, 2, 3, 5, 7, 13
update_ast_check_calls, 15
valid_syntax, 15
```