

# Package ‘QuickJSR’

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**Title** Interface for the 'QuickJS' Lightweight 'JavaScript' Engine

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**Description** An 'R' interface to the 'QuickJS' portable 'JavaScript' engine. The engine and all 'R' to 'JavaScript' interoperability is bundled within the package, requiring no dependencies beyond a 'C' compiler.

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<https://bellard.org/quickjs/>

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QuickJSR-package	<i>The QuickJSR package.</i>
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**Description**

An interface to the QuickJS lightweight Javascript engine

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/andrjohns/QuickJSR>
- <https://bellard.org/quickjs/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/andrjohns/QuickJSR/issues>

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`cxxflags`*cxxflags*

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**Description**

Function for returning the C/C++ flags needed for compilation using the package's headers

**Usage**

```
cxxflags(to_console = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`to_console`      Whether the result should be returned as a string

**Value**

Character string of CXX flags, or print flags to console and invisibly return NULL (for use in package Makevars or similar)

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`from_json`*from\_json*

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**Description**

Use the QuickJS C API to convert a JSON string to an R object

**Usage**

```
from_json(json)
```

**Arguments**

`json`            JSON string to convert to an R object

**Value**

R object

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JSContext	<i>JSContext object</i>
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**Description**

An initialised context within which to evaluate Javascript scripts or commands.

**Usage**

JSContext

**Format**

An object of class list of length 1.

**Value**

A JSContext object containing an initialised JavaScript context for evaluating scripts/commands

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JSContext-method-assign	<i>Assign a value to a variable in the current context</i>
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**Description**

Assign a value to a variable in the current context

**Usage**

assign(var\_name, value)

**Arguments**

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| var_name | The name of the variable to assign  |
| value    | The value to assign to the variable |

**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ctx <- JSContext$new()
ctx$assign("a", 1)
ctx$get("a")

## End(Not run)
```

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JSContext-method-call *Call a JS function in the current context*

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**Description**

Call a specified function in the JavaScript context with the provided arguments.

**Usage**

```
call(function_name, ...)
```

**Arguments**

function_name	The function to be called
...	The arguments to be passed to the function

**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

**Value**

The result of calling the specified function

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ctx <- JSContext$new()
ctx$source(code = "function add(a, b) { return a + b; }")
ctx$call("add", 1, 2)

## End(Not run)
```

JSContext-method-get    *Get a variable from the current context*

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**Description**

Get the value of a variable from the current context

**Usage**

```
get(var_name)
```

**Arguments**

var_name	The name of the variable to retrieve
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**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

**Value**

The value of the variable

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
ctx <- JSContext$new()  
ctx$source(code = "var a = 1;")  
ctx$get("a")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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JSContext-method-source  
*Evaluate JS string or file in the current context*

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**Description**

Evaluate a provided JavaScript file or string within the initialised context. Note that this method should only be used for initialising functions or values within the context, no values are returned from this function. See the `$call()` method for returning values.

**Usage**

```
source(file = NULL, code = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

file	A path to the JavaScript file to load
code	A single string of JavaScript to evaluate

**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
ctx <- JSContext$new()  
ctx$source(file = "path/to/file.js")  
ctx$source(code = "1 + 2")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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JSContext-method-validate

*Assess validity of JS code without evaluating*

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**Description**

Checks whether JS code string is valid code in the current context

**Usage**

```
validate(code_string)
```

**Arguments**

code_string	The JS code to check
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**Format**

An object of class NULL of length 0.

**Value**

A boolean indicating whether code is valid

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
ctx <- JSContext$new()
ctx$validate("1 + 2")

## End(Not run)
```

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ldflags	<i>ldflags</i>
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**Description**

Function for returning the flags needed for linking to the package

**Usage**

```
ldflags(to_console = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

to\_console      Whether the result should be returned as a string

**Value**

Character string of linker flags, or print flags to console and invisibly return NULL (for use in package Makevars or similar)

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qjs_eval	<i>qjs_eval</i>
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**Description**

Evaluate a single Javascript expression.

**Usage**

```
qjs_eval(eval_string)
```

**Arguments**

eval\_string      A single string of the expression to evaluate

**Value**

The result of the provided expression



**Examples**

```
# Return the sum of two numbers:
qjs_eval("1 + 2")

# Concatenate strings:
qjs_eval("'1' + '2'")

# Create lists from objects:
qjs_eval("var t = {'a' : 1, 'b' : 2}; t")
```

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quickjs_version	<i>Get the version of the bundled QuickJS library</i>
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**Description**

Get the version of the bundled QuickJS library

**Usage**

```
quickjs_version()
```

**Value**

Character string of the version of the bundled QuickJS library

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to_json	<i>to_json</i>
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**Description**

Use the QuickJS C API to convert an R object to a JSON string

**Usage**

```
to_json(arg, auto_unbox = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

arg	Argument to convert to JSON
auto_unbox	Automatically unbox single element vectors

**Value**

JSON string

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