

# Package ‘shinytesters’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Update 'Shiny' Inputs when using testServer()

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**Description** Create mocked bindings to 'Shiny' update functions within test function calls to automatically update input values. The mocked bindings simulate the communication between the server and UI components of a 'Shiny' module in testServer().

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`create_test_update_fns`*Create Test Update Functions*

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## Description

Given a set of functions from an R package, create a set of mocked functions that can be used as bindings to test UI updates within `testServer`.

## Usage

```
create_test_update_fns(  
  fn_names,  
  id_arg = "inputId",  
  value_args = c("value", "selected"),  
  range_value_args = c("start", "end"),  
  .package = "shiny"  
)
```

## Arguments

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>fn_names</code>         | A character vector (string) of function names to create wrappers for   |
| <code>id_arg</code>           | A character string of the argument in ‘ <code>fn_names</code> ’ that relates to the HTML ID argument. Default is “ <code>inputId</code> ”  |
| <code>value_args</code>       | A character vector of the arguments in ‘ <code>fn_names</code> ’ that relate to the input value arguments. Defaults are “ <code>value</code> ” and “ <code>selected</code> ”.  |
| <code>range_value_args</code> | A character vector of the arguments in ‘ <code>fn_names</code> ’ that relate to the input value arguments when multiple arguments can be used to update the input. Defaults are “ <code>start</code> ” and “ <code>end</code> ”. |
| <code>.package</code>         | Character string of the package that ‘ <code>fn_names</code> ’ exist in. Default is “ <code>shiny</code> ”   |

## Value

A named list of function expressions, one for each function supplied in ‘`fn_names`’.

## Examples

```
create_test_update_fns(  
  c("updateSelectInput", "updateTextInput"),  
  .package = "shiny"  
)
```

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| use_shiny_testers | <i>Use Shiny Testers</i> |
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## Description

Enable ‘update’ functions in the Shiny or Shiny extension package to be mocked in tests.

## Usage

```
use_shiny_testers(..., .package = "shiny", .env = rlang::caller_env())

with_shiny_testers(code, ..., .package = "shiny")
```

## Arguments

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| ...      | Arguments passed to <a href="#">create_test_update_fns</a>                             |
| .package | Character string of the package that the update functions exist in. Default is "shiny" |
| .env     | Environment that defines effect scope. For expert use only.                            |
| code     | Code to execute with specified bindings.   |

## Value

Implicit return of the updated functions in the supplied package within the specified environment.

## Examples

```
library(shiny)
library(testthat)

example_server_fn <- function(input, output, session) {
  observeEvent(input$trigger, {
    updateTextInput(
      inputId = "result",
      label = "New Label",
      value = NULL,
      placeholder = "New placeholder"
    )
  })
}

test_that("Check that text input gets updated", {
  use_shiny_testers()

  shiny::testServer(
    app = example_server_fn,
    expr = {
      session$setInputs(result = "Example text")
    }
  )
})
```

```
    session$setInputs(trigger = 1L)

    expect_identical(input$result, "Example text")
    expect_identical(input$result.label, "New Label")
    expect_identical(input$result.placeholder, "New placeholder")
  }
)
})
```

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