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Description

Project-local environments for R.
activate

Details
You can use renv to construct isolated, project-local R libraries. Each project using renv will share package installations from a global cache of packages, helping to avoid wasting disk space on multiple installations of a package that might otherwise be shared across projects.

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Useful links:

- https://rstudio.github.io/renv
- Report bugs at https://github.com/rstudio/renv/issues

activate

Activate a Project

Description
Use activate() to write the infrastructure needed to ensure that newly-launched R projects will load the project’s private library on launch, alongside any other project-specific state recorded for the project.

Usage

activate(project = NULL)

Arguments

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Value
The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

See Also

Other renv: deactivate()
Examples

```r
## Not run:

# activate the current project
renv::activate()

# activate a separate project
renv::activate("~/projects/analysis")

## End(Not run)
```

### bootstrap

**Bootstrap an renv Installation**

#### Description

Bootstrap an `renv` installation, making the requested version of `renv` available for projects on the system.

#### Usage

```r
bootstrap(project = NULL, version = NULL)
```

#### Arguments

- **project**
  
The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

- **version**
  
The version of `renv` to install. If `NULL`, the version of `renv` currently installed will be used. The requested version of `renv` will be retrieved from the `renv` public GitHub repository, at [https://github.com/rstudio/renv](https://github.com/rstudio/renv).

#### Details

Normally, this function does not need to be called directly by the user; it will be invoked as required by `init()` and `activate()`.

#### Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.
**Description**

Clean up a project and its associated R libraries.

**Usage**

```r
clean(project = NULL, ..., confirm = interactive())
```

**Arguments**

- `project`: The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.
- `...`: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to `...`, `renv` will signal an error.
- `confirm`: Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?

**Details**

The following actions will be taken:

- Stale lockfiles (00LOCK-) will be removed.
- Leftover temporary directories in the project library will be removed.
- Non-system packages installed in the system library will be removed.
- Unused packages within the project will be removed.
- Packages within the cache that are no longer used will be removed.

**Value**

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# clean the current project
renv::clean()

## End(Not run)
```
Description

Configure different behaviors of renv.

Details

For a given configuration option:

1. If an R option of the form renv.config.<name> is available, then that option’s value will be used;
2. If an environment variable of the form RENV_CONFIG_<NAME> is available, then that option’s value will be used;
3. Otherwise, the default for that particular configuration value is used.

Any periods (.)s in the option name are transformed into underscores (_) in the environment variable name, and vice versa. For example, the configuration option auto.snapshot could be configured as:

- options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = ...)  
- Sys.setenv(RENV_CONFIG_AUTO_SNAPSHOT = ...)

Note that if both the R option and the environment variable are defined, the R option will be used instead. Environment variables can be more useful when you want a particular configuration to be automatically inherited by child processes; if that behavior is not desired, then the R option may be preferred.

If you want to set and persist these options across multiple projects, it is recommended that you set them in your user startup files (e.g. in ~/.Rprofile or ~/.Renviron).

Configuration

The following renv configuration options are available:

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<td>auto.snapshot</td>
<td>logical[1]</td>
<td>FALSE</td>
<td>Automatically snapshot changes to the project library after a new package is install or removed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>connect.timeout</td>
<td>integer[1]</td>
<td>20L</td>
<td>The amount of time to spend (in seconds) when attempting to download a file.</td>
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<td>connect.retry</td>
<td>integer[1]</td>
<td>3L</td>
<td>The number of times to attempt re-downloading a file, when transient errors occur.</td>
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<td>external.libraries</td>
<td>character[*]</td>
<td>character()</td>
<td>A character vector of external libraries, to be used in tandem with hydrate.libpaths.</td>
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<td>hydrate.libpaths</td>
<td>character[*]</td>
<td>character()</td>
<td>A character vector of library paths, to be used by renv::hydrate() when hydrating projects.</td>
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<tr>
<td>install.staged</td>
<td>logical[1]</td>
<td>TRUE</td>
<td>Perform a staged install of packages during install and restore? When active, renv::install() will use a temporary library instead of the project library.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>repos.override</td>
<td>character[*]</td>
<td>NULL</td>
<td>Override the R package repositories used during restore. Primary use case is deployment or CI.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>sandbox.enabled</td>
<td>logical[1]</td>
<td>TRUE</td>
<td>Should sandboxing for renv projects? When active, renv will attempt to sandbox the system library, preventing non-system packages from becoming available in renv projects. (That is, only packages with priority &quot;base&quot; or &quot;recommended&quot;, as reported by installed.packages(), are made available.)</td>
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<td>shims.enabled</td>
<td>logical[1]</td>
<td>TRUE</td>
<td>Should renv shims be installed on package load? When enabled, renv::install(), renv::update() and renv::remove() will install shims over install.packages(), update.packages() and remove.packages().</td>
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<tr>
<td>snapshot.validate</td>
<td>logical[1]</td>
<td>TRUE</td>
<td>Validate R package dependencies when calling snapshot? When active, renv::snapshot() will attempt to diagnose potential issues in the project library before creating renv.lock. For example, if a package installed in the project library depends on a package which is not currently installed.</td>
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Copy Methods

If you find that renv is unable to copy some directories in your environment, you may want to try setting the copy.method option. By default, renv will try to choose a system tool that is likely to succeed in copying files on your system – robocopy on Windows, and cp on Unix. renv will also instruct these tools to preserve timestamps and attributes when copying files. However, you can select a different method as appropriate.

The following methods are supported:

- **R** Use R's built-in file.copy() function.
- **cp** Use cp to copy files.
- **robocopy** Use robocopy to copy files. (Only available on Windows.)
- **rsync** Use rsync to copy files.

You can also provide a custom copy method if required; e.g.

```r
options(renv.config.copy.method = function(src, dst) {
  # copy a file from 'src' to 'dst'
})
```

Note that renv will always first attempt to copy a directory first to a temporary path within the target folder, and then rename that temporary path to the final target destination. This helps avoid issues where a failed attempt to copy a directory could leave a half-copied directory behind in the final location.

Project-Local Settings

For settings that should persist alongside a particular project, the various settings available in settings can be used.

Examples

```r
# disable automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# disable with environment variable
Sys.setenv(RENV_CONFIG_AUTO_SNAPSHOT = "FALSE")
```
**consent**

*Consent to usage of renv*

**Description**

Provide consent to renv, allowing it to write and update certain files on your filesystem.

**Usage**

```r
consent(provided = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **provided**
  
  The default provided response. If you need to provide consent from a non-interactive `R` session, you can invoke `renv::consent(provided = TRUE)` explicitly.

**Details**

As part of its normal operation, renv will write and update some files in your project directory, as well as an application-specific cache directory. These paths are documented within `paths`.

In accordance with the CRAN Repository Policy, renv must first obtain consent from you, the user, before these actions can be taken. Please call `renv::consent()` first to provide this consent.

You can also set the `R` option:

```r
options(renv.consent = TRUE)
```

to implicitly provide consent for e.g. non-interactive `R` sessions.

**Value**

- `TRUE` if consent is provided, or an `R` error otherwise.

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**deactivate**

*Deactivate a Project*

**Description**

Use `deactivate()` to remove the infrastructure used by renv to activate projects for newly-launched `R` sessions. In particular, this implies removing the requisite code from the project `.Rprofile` that automatically activates the project when new `R` sessions are launched in the project directory.

**Usage**

```r
deactivate(project = NULL)
```
dependencies

Arguments

project The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

See Also

Other renv: activate()

Examples

## Not run:

# deactivate the currently-activated project
renv::deactivate()

## End(Not run)

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dependencies Find R Package Dependencies in a Project

Description

Find R packages used within a project.

Usage

dependencies(path = getwd(), root = NULL, quiet = FALSE, dev = FALSE)

Arguments

path The path to a (possibly multi-mode) R file, or a directory containing such files. By default, all files within the current working directory are checked, recursively.

root The root directory to be used for dependency discovery. Defaults to the active project directory. You may need to set this explicitly to ensure that your project’s .renvirones (if any) are properly handled.

quiet Boolean; report problems discovered (if any) during dependency discovery?

dev Boolean; include ‘development’ dependencies as well? That is, packages which may be required during development but are unlikely to be required during runtime for your project. By default, only runtime dependencies are returned.
details

dependencies() will crawl files within your project, looking for R files and the packages used within those R files. This is done primarily by parsing the code and looking for calls of the form:

- library(package)
- require(package)
- requireNamespace("package")
- package::method()

For R package projects, dependencies expressed in the DESCRIPTION file will also be discovered. Note that the rmarkdown package is required in order to crawl dependencies in R Markdown files.

value

An R data.frame of discovered dependencies, mapping inferred package names to the files in which they were discovered.

ignoring files

By default, renv will read your project’s .gitignore(s) (if any) to determine whether certain files or folders should be included when traversing directories. If preferred, you can also create a .renviron file (with entries of the same format as a standard .gitignore file) to tell renv which files to ignore within a directory. If both .renviron and .gitignore exist within a folder, the .renviron will be used in lieu of the .gitignore.

See https://git-scm.com/docs/gitignore for documentation on the .gitignore format. Some simple examples here:

# ignore all R Markdown files
*.Rmd

# ignore all data folders
data/

# ignore only data folders from the root of the project
/data/

development dependencies

renv attempts to distinguish between 'development' dependencies and 'runtime' dependencies. For example, you might rely on e.g. devtools and roxygen2 during development for a project, but may not actually require these packages at runtime.

examples

## Not run:

# find R package dependencies in the current directory
renv:::dependencies()
diagnostics

## End(Not run)

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### diagnostics

**Print a Diagnostics Report**

**Description**

Print a diagnostics report, summarizing the state of a project using `renv`. This report can occasionally be useful when diagnosing issues with `renv`.

**Usage**

diagnostics(project = NULL)

**Arguments**

- **project**
  
  The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

**Value**

This function is normally called for its side effects.

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### equip

**Install Required System Libraries**

**Description**

Equip your system with libraries commonly-used during compilation of R packages. Currently only supported on Windows.

**Usage**

equip()

**Value**

This function is normally called for its side effects.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:

# download useful build tools
renv::equip()

## End(Not run)
```
Description

Use your version control system to find prior versions of the `renv.lock` file that have been used in your project.

Usage

```r
history(project = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `project` The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Details

The `history()` function is currently only implemented for projects using `git` for version control.

Value

An R `data.frame`, summarizing the commits in which `renv.lock` has been mutated.

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# get history of previous versions of renv.lock in VCS
db <- renv::history()

# choose an older commit
commit <- db$commit[5]

# revert to that version of the lockfile
renv::revert(commit = commit)

## End(Not run)
```
**hydrate**

**Hydrate a Project**

**Description**

Discover the \texttt{R} packages used within a project, and then install those packages into the active library. This effectively allows you to clone the state of your default \texttt{R} libraries for use within a project library.

**Usage**

\begin{verbatim}
hydrate(packages = NULL, ..., library = NULL, sources = NULL, project = NULL)
\end{verbatim}

**Arguments**

- **packages** The set of \texttt{R} packages to install. When NULL, the set of packages as reported by \texttt{dependencies()} is used.
- **...** Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to \texttt{...}, \texttt{renv} will signal an error.
- **library** The \texttt{R} library to be hydrated. When NULL, the active library as reported by \texttt{.libPaths()} is used.
- **sources** A set of library paths from which \texttt{renv} should attempt to draw packages. See **Sources** for more details.
- **project** The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

**Value**

A named \texttt{R} list, giving the packages that were used for hydration as well as the set of packages which were not found.

**Sources**

\texttt{hydrate()} attempts to re-use packages already installed on your system, to avoid unnecessary attempts to download and install packages from remote sources. When \texttt{NULL} (the default), \texttt{hydrate()} will attempt to discover \texttt{R} packages from the following sources (in order):

- The user library,
- The site library,
- The system library,
- The \texttt{renv} cache.

If package is discovered in one of these locations, \texttt{renv} will attempt to copy or link that package into the requested library as appropriate.
Missing Packages

If renv discovers that your project depends on R packages not currently installed in your user library, then it will attempt to install those packages from the active R repositories.

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# hydrate the active library
renv::hydrate()
```

## End(Not run)

**init**

IVERSAL POLL

Description

Discover packages used within the current project, and then initialize a project-local private R library with those packages. The currently-installed versions of any packages in use (as detected within the default R libraries) are then installed to the project’s private library.

Usage

```r
init(
  project = NULL,
  ..., 
  settings = NULL,
  bare = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  restart = interactive()
)
```

Arguments

- `project` The project directory. The R working directory will be changed to match the requested project directory.
- `...` Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ..., renv will signal an error.
- `settings` A list of settings to be used with the newly-initialized project.
- `bare` Boolean; initialize the project without attempting to discover and install R package dependencies?
- `force` Boolean; force initialization? By default, renv will refuse to initialize the home directory as a project, to defend against accidental mis-usages of `init()`.
- `restart` Boolean; attempt to restart the R session after initializing the project? A session restart will be attempted if the "restart" R option is set by the frontend embedding R.
Details

The primary steps taken when initializing a new project are:

1. \texttt{R} package dependencies are discovered within the \texttt{R} files used within the project with \texttt{dependencies()};
2. Discovered packages are copied into the \texttt{renv} global package cache, so these packages can be re-used across future projects as necessary;
3. Any missing \texttt{R} package dependencies discovered are then installed into the project’s private library;
4. A lockfile capturing the state of the project’s library is created with \texttt{snapshot()};
5. The project is activated with \texttt{activate()}. 

This mimics the workflow provided by \texttt{packrat::init()}, but with a few differences – in particular, \texttt{renv} does not attempt to download and store package sources, and \texttt{renv} will re-use packages that have already been installed whenever possible.

If \texttt{renv} sees that the associated project has already been initialized and has a lockfile, then it will attempt to infer the appropriate action to take based on the presence of a private library. If no library is available, \texttt{renv} will restore the private library from the lockfile; if one is available, \texttt{renv} will ask if you want to perform a ’standard’ init, restore from the lockfile, or activate the project without taking any further action.

Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

Infrastructure

\texttt{renv} will write or amend the following files in the project:

- \texttt{.Rprofile}: An auto-loader will be installed, so that new \texttt{R} sessions launched within the project are automatically loaded.
- \texttt{renv/activate.R}: This script is run by the previously-mentioned \texttt{.Rprofile} to load the project.
- \texttt{renv/.gitignore}: This is used to instruct Git to ignore the project’s private library, as it does not need to be
- \texttt{.Rbuildignore}: to ensure that the \texttt{renv} directory is ignored during package development; e.g. when attempting to build or install a package using \texttt{renv}.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# disable automatic snapshots
auto.snapshot <- getOption("renv.config.auto.snapshot")
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# initialize a new project (with an empty R library)
renv::init(bare = TRUE)
```
# install digest 0.6.19
renv::install("digest@0.6.19")

# save library state to lockfile
renv::snapshot()

# remove digest from library
renv::remove("digest")

# check library status
renv::status()

# restore lockfile, thereby reinstalling digest 0.6.19
renv::restore()

# restore automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = auto.snapshot)

## End(Not run)

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### Install Packages

**Description**

Install one or more R packages from a variety of remote sources.

**Usage**

```r
install(
    packages = NULL,
    ..., library = NULL,
    rebuild = FALSE,
    confirm = interactive(),
    project = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- **packages**: A character vector of R packages to install. Required package dependencies (Depends, Imports, LinkingTo) will be installed as required.
- **...**: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ..., renv will signal an error.
- **library**: The R library to be used. When NULL, the active project library will be used instead.
For packages to be rebuilt, thereby bypassing any installed versions of the package available in the cache? This can either be a boolean (indicating that the requested package(s) should be rebuilt), or a vector of package names indicating which packages should be rebuilt.

**confirm**

Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?

**project**

The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

### Details

`install()` uses the same machinery as `restore()` when installing packages. In particular, this means that the local cache of package installations is used when possible. This helps to avoid re-downloading packages that have already been downloaded before, and re-compiling packages from source when a binary copy of that package is already available.

Note that this interface is subject to change – the goal is to hook into separate package installation backends in the future.

### Value

A named list of package records which were installed by `renv`.

### Examples

```r
## Not run:
# install the latest version of 'digest'
renv::install("digest")

# install an old version of 'digest' (using archives)
renv::install("digest@0.6.18")

# install 'digest' from GitHub (latest dev. version)
renv::install("eddelbuettel/digest")

# install a package from local sources
renv::install("~/path/to/package")
```

## End(Not run)
Usage

isolate(project = NULL)

Arguments

project The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

Examples

## Not run:

# isolate a project
renv::isolate()

## End(Not run)

load

Load a Project

Description

Load a project.

Usage

load(project = getwd(), quiet = FALSE)

Arguments

project The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

quiet Boolean; be quiet during load?

Details

Normally, this is done automatically on session startup by the infrastructure generated by activate() – users should not need to call this function directly.

Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.
lockfile

Examples

## Not run:

# load a project -- note that this is normally done automatically
# when the R session is started in an renv project after calling
# renv::activate()
renv::load()

## End(Not run)

lockfile  

Programmatically Create and Modify a Lockfile

Description

This function provides an API for creating and modifying renv lockfiles. This can be useful when you’d like to programmatically generate or modify a lockfile – for example, because you want to update or change a package record in an existing lockfile.

Usage

lockfile(file = NULL, project = NULL)

Arguments

file  
The path to an existing lockfile. When no lockfile is provided, a new one will be created based on the current project context. If you want to create a blank lockfile, use file = NA instead.

project  
The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

See Also

lockfiles, for a description of the structure of an renv lockfile.

Examples

## Not run:

lock <- lockfile("renv.lock")

# set the repositories for a lockfile
lock$repos(CRAN = "https://cran.r-project.org")

# depend on digest 0.6.22
lock$add(digest = "digest@0.6.22")
# write to file
lock$write("renv.lock")


lockfiles

Description

A lockfile records the state of a project at some point in time.

Details

A lockfile captures the state of a project’s library at some point in time. In particular, the package names, their versions, and their sources (when known) are recorded in the lockfile.

Projects can be restored from a lockfile using the `restore()` function. This implies re-installing packages into the project’s private library, as encoded within the lockfile.

While lockfiles are normally generated and used with `snapshot()` / `restore()`, they can also hand-edited if so desired. Lockfiles are written as .json, to allow for easy consumption by other tools.

An example lockfile follows:

```json
{
    "renv": {
        "Version": "1.0.0"
    },
    "R": {
        "Version": "3.6.1",
        "Repositories": [
            {
                "Name": "CRAN",
                "URL": "https://cloud.r-project.org"
            }
        ]
    },
    "Packages": {
        "markdown": {
            "Package": "markdown",
            "Version": "1.0",
            "Source": "Repository",
            "Repository": "CRAN",
            "Hash": "4584a57f565dd7987d59dda3a02cfc41"
        },
        "mime": {
```
The sections used within a lockfile are described next.

[renv]

Information about the version of renv used to manage this project.

Version The version of the renv package used with this project.

[R]

Properties related to the version of R associated with this project.

Version The version of R used.
Repositories The R repositories used in this project.

[Packages]

R package records, capturing the packages used or required by a project at the time when the lockfile was generated.

Package The package name.
Version The package version.
Source The location from which this package was retrieved.
Repository The name of the repository (if any) from which this package was retrieved.
Hash (Optional) A unique hash for this package, used for package caching.

Additional remote fields, further describing how the package can be retrieved from its corresponding source, will also be included as appropriate (e.g. for packages installed from GitHub).

[Python]

Metadata related to the version of Python used with this project (if any).

Version The version of Python being used.
Type The type of Python environment being used ("virtualenv", "conda", "system")
Name The (optional) name of the environment being used.
Note that the Name field may be empty. In that case, a project-local Python environment will be used instead (when not directly using a system copy of Python).

**See Also**

Other reproducibility: `restore()`, `snapshot()`

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### Description

Migrate a project’s infrastructure from Packrat to `renv`.

### Usage

```r
migrate(
  project = NULL,
  packrat = c("lockfile", "sources", "library", "options", "cache")
)
```

### Arguments

- **project**
  
The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

- **packrat**
  
  Components of the Packrat project to migrate. See the default argument list for components of the Packrat project that can be migrated. Select a subset of those components for migration as appropriate.

### Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

### Migration

When migrating Packrat projects to `renv`, the set of components migrated can be customized using the `packrat` argument. The set of components that can be migrated are as follows:

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modify

Examples

## Not run:

# migrate Packrat project infrastructure to renv
renv::migrate()

## End(Not run)

modify  

Open the Lockfile for Editing

Description

Open a project’s lockfile (if any) for editing. After edit, if the lockfile edited is associated with the active project, any state-related changes (e.g. to R repositories) will be updated in the current session.

Usage

modify(project = NULL)

Arguments

project The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Value

The project directory, invisibly. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

Examples

## Not run:

# modify an existing lockfile
if (interactive())
  renv::modify()

## End(Not run)
Description

Access the paths that renv uses for global state storage.

Usage

paths

Format

An object of class list of length 3.

Details

By default, renv collects state into these folders:

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If desired, this path can be adjusted by setting the RENV_PATHS_ROOT environment variable. This can be useful if you’d like, for example, multiple users to be able to share a single global cache.

The various state sub-directories can also be individually adjusted, if so desired (e.g. you’d prefer to keep the cache of package installations on a separate volume). The various environment variables that can be set are enumerated below:

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<td>(Windows only) The path containing external software needed for compilation of Windows source packages.</td>
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Note that renv will append platform-specific and version-specific entries to the set paths as appropriate. For example, if you have set:

Sys.setenv(RENV_PATHS_CACHE = "/mnt/shared/renv/cache")
then the directory used for the cache will still depend on the `renv` cache version (e.g. v2), the R version (e.g. 3.5) and the platform (e.g. x86_64-pc-linux-gnu). For example:

```
/mnt/shared/renv/cache/v2/R-3.5/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
```

This ensures that you can set a single `RENV_PATHS_CACHE` environment variable globally without worry that it may cause collisions or errors if multiple versions of R needed to interact with the same cache.

If reproducibility of a project is desired on a particular machine, it is highly recommended that the `renv` cache of installed packages + binary packages is stored, so that packages can be easily restored in the future – installation of packages from source can often be arduous.

If you want these settings to persist in your project, it is recommended that you add these to an appropriate R startup file. For example, these could be set in:

- A project-local `.Renviron`;
- The user-level `.Renviron`;
- A file at $(R RHOME)/etc/Renviron.site.

Please see `?Startup` for more details.

**Local Sources**

If your project depends on one or R packages that are not available in any remote location, you can still provide a locally-available tarball for `renv` to use during restore. By default, these packages should be made available in the folder as specified by the `RENV_PATHS_LOCAL` environment variable. The package sources should be placed in a file at one of these locations:

```
• ${RENV_PATHS_LOCAL}/<package>_<version>.<ext>
• ${RENV_PATHS_LOCAL}/<package>/<package>_<version>.<ext>
• <project>/renv/local/<package>_<version>.<ext>
• <project>/renv/local/<package>/<package>_<version>.<ext>
```

where `<ext>` is `.tar.gz` for source packages, or `.tgz` for binaries on macOS and `.zip` for binaries on Windows. During a `restore()`, packages installed from an unknown source will be searched for in this location.

**Projects**

In order to determine whether a package can safely be removed from the cache, `renv` needs to know which projects are using packages from the cache. Since packages may be symlinked from the cache, and symlinks are by nature a one-way link, projects need to also report that they’re using the `renv` cache.

To accomplish this, whenever `renv` is used with a project, it will record itself as being used within a file located at:

```
• ${RENV_PATHS_ROOT}/projects
```

This file is list of projects currently using the `renv` cache. With this, `renv` can crawl projects registered with `renv` and use that to determine if any packages within the cache are no longer in use, and can be removed.
Examples

```r
# get the path to the project library
path <- renv::paths$library()
```

---

### project

**Retrieve the Active Project**

**Description**

Retrieve the path to the active project (if any).

**Usage**

```r
project(default = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `default` The value to return when no project is currently active. Defaults to `NULL`.

**Value**

The active project directory, as a length-one character vector.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# get the currently-active renv project
renv::project()
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

---

### purge

**Purge Packages from the Cache**

**Description**

Purge packages from the cache. This can be useful if a package which had previously been installed in the cache has become corrupted or unusable, and needs to be reinstalled.

**Usage**

```r
purge(package, ..., version = NULL, hash = NULL, confirm = interactive())
```
Arguments

- **package**: A single package to be removed from the cache.
- **version**: The package version to be removed. When `NULL`, all versions of the requested package will be removed.
- **hash**: The specific hashes to be removed. When `NULL`, all hashes associated with a particular package’s version will be removed.
- **confirm**: Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?

Details

`purge()` is an inherently destructive option. It removes packages from the cache, and so any project which had symlinked that package into its own project library would find that package now unavailable. These projects would hence need to reinstall any purged packages. Take heed of this in case you’re looking to purge the cache of a package which is difficult to install, or if the original sources for that package are no longer available!

Value

The set of packages removed from the `renv` global cache, as a character vector of file paths.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# remove all versions of 'digest' from the cache
renv::purge("digest")

# remove only a particular version of 'digest' from the cache
renv::purge("digest", version = "0.6.19")

## End(Not run)
```

Description

Rebuild and reinstall packages in your library. This can be useful as a diagnostic tool – for example, if you find that one or more of your packages fail to load, and you want to ensure that you are starting from a clean slate.
Usage

rebuild(
  packages = NULL,
  recursive = TRUE,
  ..., 
  confirm = interactive(),
  library = NULL,
  project = NULL
)

Arguments

- `packages`: The package(s) to be rebuilt. When NULL, all packages in the library will be installed.
- `recursive`: Boolean; should dependencies of packages be rebuilt recursively? Defaults to TRUE.
- `...`: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ..., renv will signal an error.
- `confirm`: Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?
- `library`: The R library to be used. When NULL, the active project library will be used instead.
- `project`: The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Details

Note that binaries will be used when appropriate and available for your platform. If you’d like to force packages to be rebuilt from sources, you can set `options(pkgType = "source")`.

Value

A named list of package records which were installed by renv.

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# rebuild the 'dplyr' package + all of its dependencies
renv::rebuild("dplyr", recursive = TRUE)

# rebuild only 'dplyr'
renv::rebuild("dplyr", recursive = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```
record Update Package Records in a Lockfile

Description

Use `record()` to record a new entry within an existing `renv` lockfile.

Usage

```r
record(records, lockfile = file.path(project, "renv.lock"), project = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `records` A list of named records, mapping package names to a definition of their source. See `Records` for more details.
- `lockfile` The path to a lockfile. By default, the project lockfile is used.
- `project` The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Details

This function can be useful when you need to change one or more of the package records within an `renv` lockfile – for example, because a recorded package cannot be restored in a particular environment, and you know of a suitable alternative.

Records

Records can be provided either using the `remotes` short-hand syntax, or by using an R list of entries to record within the lockfile. See `?lockfiles` for more information on the structure of a package record.

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# use digest 0.6.22 from package repositories -- different ways
# of specifying the remote. use whichever is most natural
renv::record("digest@0.6.22")
renv::record(list(digest = "0.6.22"))
renv::record(list(digest = "digest@0.6.22"))

# alternatively, provide a full record as a list
digest_record <- list(
  Package = "digest",
  Version = "0.6.22",
  Source = "Repository",
  Repository = "CRAN"
)```
refresh

Refresh the Local Cache of Available Packages

Description
Query the active R package repositories for available packages, and update the in-memory cache of those packages.

Usage
refresh()

Details
Note that R also maintains its own on-disk cache of available packages, which is used by available.packages(). Calling refresh() will force an update of both types of caches. renv prefers using an in-memory cache as on occasion the temporary directory can be slow to access (e.g. when it is a mounted network filesystem).

Value
A list of package databases, invisibly – one for each repository currently active in the R session. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

Examples
## Not run:

# check available packages
db <- available.packages()

# wait some time (suppose packages are uploaded / changed in this time)
Sys.sleep(5)

# refresh the local available packages database
# (the old locally cached db will be removed)
db <- renv::refresh()

## End(Not run)
rehash  

Re-Hash Packages in the renv Cache

Description
Re-hash packages in the renv cache, ensuring that any previously-cached packages are copied to a new cache location appropriate for this version of renv. This can be useful if the cache scheme has changed in a new version of renv, but you’d like to preserve your previously-cached packages.

Usage
rehash(confirm = interactive())

Arguments
confirm  

Details
Any packages which are re-hashed will retain links to the location of the newly-hashed package, ensuring that prior installations of renv can still function as expected.

remote  

Resolve a Remote

Description
Given a remote specification, resolve it into an renv package record that can be used for download and installation (e.g. with install).

Usage
remote(spec)

Arguments
spec  

A remote specification.
Description

Remove (uninstall) R packages.

Usage

remove(packages, ..., library = NULL, project = NULL)

Arguments

packages A character vector of R packages to remove.

... Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ..., renv will signal an error.

library The library from which packages should be removed. When NULL, the active library (that is, the first entry reported in .libPaths()) is used instead.

project The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Value

A vector of package records, describing the packages (if any) which were successfully removed.

Examples

## Not run:

# disable automatic snapshots
auto.snapshot <- getOption("renv.config.auto.snapshot")
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# initialize a new project (with an empty R library)
renv::init(bare = TRUE)

# install digest 0.6.19
renv::install("digest@0.6.19")

# save library state to lockfile
renv::snapshot()

# remove digest from library
renv::remove("digest")

# check library status
renv::status()
# restore lockfile, thereby reinstalling digest 0.6.19
renv::restore()

# restore automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = auto.snapshot)

## End(Not run)

---

**Description**

Restore a project’s dependencies from a lockfile, as previously generated by `snapshot()`.

**Usage**

```r
restore(
  project = NULL,
  ...,
  library = NULL,
  lockfile = NULL,
  packages = NULL,
  repos = NULL,
  clean = FALSE,
  confirm = interactive()
)
```

**Arguments**

- `project`: The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.
- `...`: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ... , renv will signal an error.
- `library`: The library paths to be used during restore. See `Library` for details.
- `lockfile`: The lockfile to be used for restoration of the associated project. When NULL, the most recently generated lockfile for this project is used.
- `packages`: A subset of packages recorded in the lockfile to restore. When NULL (the default), all packages available in the lockfile will be restored. Any required recursive dependencies of the requested packages will be restored as well.
- `repos`: The repositories to use during restore, for packages installed from CRAN or another similar R package repository. When set, this will override any repositories declared in the lockfile. See also the `repos.override` option in `config` for an alternate way to provide a repository override.
`restore`

- **clean**: Boolean; remove packages not recorded in the lockfile from the target library? Use `clean = TRUE` if you’d like the library state to exactly reflect the lockfile contents after `restore()`.
- **confirm**: Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?

**Value**

A named list of package records which were installed by `renv`.

**Package Repositories**

By default, the package repositories encoded in the lockfile will be used during restore, as opposed to the repositories that might already be set in the current session (through `getOption("repos")`). If you’d like to override the repositories used by `renv` during restore, you can use, for example:

```r
git::restore(repos = c(CRAN = <...>))
```

See also the `repos.override` option in `config` for an alternate way to provide a repository override.

**Library**

When `git::restore()` is called, packages from the lockfile are compared against packages currently installed in the library paths specified by `library`. Any packages which have changed will then be installed into the default library. If `clean = TRUE`, then packages that exist within the default library, but aren’t recorded in the lockfile, will be removed as well.

**See Also**

Other reproducibility: `lockfiles`, `snapshot()`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:

# disable automatic snapshots
auto.snapshot <- getOption("renv.config.auto.snapshot")
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# initialize a new project (with an empty R library)
renv::init(bare = TRUE)

# install digest 0.6.19
renv::install("digest@0.6.19")

# save library state to lockfile
renv::snapshot()

# remove digest from library
renv::remove("digest")
```
revert

# check library status
renv::status()

# restore lockfile, thereby reinstalling digest 0.6.19
renv::restore()

# restore automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = auto.snapshot)

## End(Not run)

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**revert**  
*Revert Lockfile*

**Description**

Revert the lockfile to its contents at a prior commit.

**Usage**

```r
revert(commit = "HEAD", ..., project = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `commit`  The commit associated with a prior version of the lockfile.
- `...`  Optional arguments; currently unused.
- `project`  The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

**Details**

The `revert()` function is currently only implemented for projects using git for version control.

**Value**

The commit used when reverting `renv.lock`. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:

# get history of previous versions of renv.lock in VCS
db <- renv::history()

# choose an older commit
commit <- db$commit[5]
```
# revert to that version of the lockfile
renv::revert(commit = commit)

## End(Not run)
scaffold  

Generate renv Project Infrastructure

Description

Write the renv project infrastructure for a project.

Usage

scaffold(project = NULL, version = NULL)

Arguments

project  The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

version  The version of renv to associate with this project. By default, the version of renv currently installed is used.

Details

The function will update the project .Rprofile so that renv is automatically loaded for new R sessions launched in this project. renv will also be installed and made available within the project’s private library.

settings  

Project Settings

Description

Define project-local settings that can be used to adjust the behavior of renv with your particular project.

Usage

settings

Format

An object of class list of length 6.
Settings

**external.libraries** A vector of library paths, to be used in addition to the project's own private library. This can be useful if you have a package available for use in some global library, but for some reason renv is not able to install that package (e.g. sources or binaries for that package are not publicly available, or you have been unable to orchestrate the pre-requisites for installing some packages from source on your machine).

**ignored.packages** A vector of packages, which should be ignored when attempting to snapshot the project's private library. Note that if a package has already been added to the lockfile, that entry in the lockfile will not be ignored.

**package.dependency.fields** During dependency discovery, renv uses the fields of an installed package's DESCRIPTION file to determine that package's recursive dependencies. By default, the Imports, Depends and LinkingTo fields are used. If you'd prefer that renv also captures the Suggests dependencies for a package, you can set this to c("Imports","Depends","LinkingTo","Suggests").

**snapshot.type** The type of snapshot to perform by default. See `snapshot` for more details.

**use.cache** Use a global cache of R packages. When active, renv will install packages into a global cache, and link packages from the cache into your renv projects as appropriate. This can greatly save on disk space and install time when for R packages which are used across multiple projects in the same environment.

**vcs.ignore.library** Set whether the renv project library is excluded from version control.

Defaults

You can change the default values of these settings for newly-created renv projects by setting R options for renv.settings or renv.settings.<name>. For example:

```r
options(renv.settings = list(snapshot.type = "simple"))
options(renv.settings.snapshot.type = "simple")
```

If both of the renv.settings and renv.settings.<name> options are set for a particular key, the option associated with renv.settings.<name> is used instead. We recommend setting these in an appropriate startup profile, e.g. ~/.Rprofile or similar.

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# view currently-ignored packaged
renv::settings$ignored.packages()

# ignore a set of packages
renv::settings$ignored.packages("devtools", persist = FALSE)
```

## End(Not run)
**Description**

Call `snapshot()` to create a lockfile capturing the state of a project’s R package dependencies. The lockfile can be used to later restore these project’s dependencies as required. See the lockfile documentation for more details on the structure of a lockfile.

**Usage**

```r
snapshot(
  project = NULL,
  ..., 
  library = NULL,  
  lockfile = file.path(project, "renv.lock"),
  type = settings$snapshot.type(project = project),
  confirm = interactive(),
  force = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `project` The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.
- `...` Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to `...`, renv will signal an error.
- `library` The R libraries to snapshot. When `NULL`, the active R libraries (as reported by `.libPaths()`) are used.
- `lockfile` The location where the generated lockfile should be written. By default, the lockfile is written to a file called `renv.lock` in the project directory. When `NULL`, the lockfile (as an R object) is returned directly instead.
- `type` The type of snapshot to perform. See `Snapshot Type` for more details. When `NULL` (the default), a "packrat"-style snapshot is performed.
- `confirm` Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?
- `force` Boolean; force generation of a lockfile even when preflight validation checks have failed?

**Value**

The generated lockfile, as an R object (invisibly). Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.
Snapshot Type

Depending on how you prefer to manage dependencies, you might prefer selecting a different snapshot mode. The modes available are as follows:

"simple" Capture all packages within the active R libraries in the lockfile. This is the quickest and simplest method, but may lead to undesired packages (e.g. development dependencies) entering the lockfile.

"packrat" Perform a Packrat-style snapshot. The intersection of packages discovered in your R libraries, alongside those discovered in your R code by `renv::dependencies()`, will enter the lockfile. This helps ensure that only the packages you are using will enter the lockfile, but may be slower if your project contains a large number of files. If this becomes an issue, you might consider using `.renvignore` files to limit which files `renv` uses for dependency discovery, or explicitly declaring your required dependencies in a DESCRIPTION file.

"custom" Like "packrat", but use a custom user-defined filter instead. The filter should be specified by the R option `renv.snapshot.filter`, and should either be a character vector naming a function (e.g. "package::method"), or be a function itself. The function should only accept one argument (the project directory), and should return a vector of package names to include in the lockfile.

By default, "packrat"-style snapshots are used. The snapshot type can be configured on a project-specific basis using the `renv` project settings mechanism.

See Also

Other reproducibility: `lockfiles, restore()`

Examples

```r
## Not run:

# disable automatic snapshots
auto.snapshot <- getOption("renv.config.auto.snapshot")
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# initialize a new project (with an empty R library)
renv::init(bare = TRUE)

# install digest 0.6.19
renv::install("digest@0.6.19")

# save library state to lockfile
renv::snapshot()

# remove digest from library
renv::remove("digest")

# check library status
renv::status()
```
# restore lockfile, thereby reinstalling digest 0.6.19ench::restore()

# restore automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = auto.snapshot)

## End(Not run)

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**Description**

Report differences between the project’s lockfile and the current state of the project’s library (if any).

**Usage**

```r
status(project = NULL, ..., library = NULL, lockfile = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **project**: The project directory. If `NULL`, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used.
- **...**: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to `...`, `renv` will signal an error.
- **library**: The library paths. By default, the library paths associated with the requested project are used.
- **lockfile**: The path to a lockfile. By default, the project lockfile (called `renv.lock`) is used.

**Value**

This function is normally called for its side effects.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:

# disable automatic snapshots
auto.snapshot <- getOption("renv.config.auto.snapshot")
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = FALSE)

# initialize a new project (with an empty R library)
renv::init(bare = TRUE)
```
# install digest 0.6.19
renv::install("digest@0.6.19")

# save library state to lockfile
renv::snapshot()

# remove digest from library
renv::remove("digest")

# check library status
renv::status()

# restore lockfile, thereby reinstalling digest 0.6.19
renv::restore()

# restore automatic snapshots
options(renv.config.auto.snapshot = auto.snapshot)

## End(Not run)

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**update**

*Update Packages*

**Description**

Update packages which are currently out-of-date. Currently, only CRAN and GitHub package sources are supported.

**Usage**

```r
update(
  packages = NULL,
  ...,
  library = NULL,
  rebuild = FALSE,
  check = FALSE,
  confirm = interactive(),
  project = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- **packages**: A character vector of R packages to update. When NULL, all packages within the required libraries will be updated.
- **...**: Unused arguments, reserved for future expansion. If any arguments are matched to ..., renv will signal an error.
- **library**: The R library to be used. When NULL, the active project library will be used instead.
upgrade

rebuild

Force packages to be rebuilt, thereby bypassing any installed versions of the package available in the cache? This can either be a boolean (indicating that the requested package(s) should be rebuilt), or a vector of package names indicating which packages should be rebuilt.

check

Boolean; check for package updates without actually installing available updates?

confirm

Boolean; prompt the user before taking any action?

project

The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Details

Updates will only be checked from the same source – for example, if a package was installed from GitHub, but a newer version is available on CRAN, that updated version will not be seen.

Value

A named list of package records which were installed by renv.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# update the 'dplyr' package
renv::update("dplyr")

## End(Not run)
```

Description

Upgrade the version of renv associated with a project.

Usage

```r
upgrade(project = NULL, version = NULL, reload = NULL, confirm = interactive())
```

Arguments

- **project**: The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.
- **version**: The version of renv to be installed. By default, the latest version of renv as available on the active R package repositories is used.
**use_python**

```
reload Boolean; reload renv after install? When NULL (the default), renv will be reloaded only if updating renv for the active project. Note that this may fail if you've loaded packages which also depend on renv.

confirm Boolean; confirm upgrade before proceeding?
```

**Details**

By default, this function will attempt to install the latest version of renv as available on the active R package repositories. If you'd instead like to try out a development version of renv, you can explicitly request a different version of renv and that version of the package will be downloaded and installed from GitHub. Use version = "master" to install the latest development version of renv, as from the renv project's GitHub page.

**Value**

A boolean value, indicating whether the requested version of renv was successfully installed. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:

# upgrade to the latest version of renv
renv::upgrade()

# upgrade to the latest version of renv on GitHub (development version)
renv::upgrade(version = "master")
```

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```

**Description**

Associate a version of Python with your project.

**Usage**

```
use_python(
  python = NULL,
  ...,  
  type = c("auto", "virtualenv", "conda", "system"),
  name = NULL,
  project = NULL
)
```
Arguments

python  The path to a Python binary. This can be the path to a Python binary on the system, or the path to a Python binary within an already-existing Python environment. If NULL, the RETICULATE_PYTHON environment variable is checked; if that is not set, then the default version of python on the PATH is used instead. As a special case, use_python(FALSE) can be used to deactivate Python integration with a project.

...  Optional arguments; currently unused.

type  The type of Python environment to use. When "auto" (the default), a project-local environment (virtual environments on Linux / macOS; conda environments on Windows) will be created. Ignored if the requested version of python lives within a pre-existing Python environment.

name  The name or path that should be used for the associated Python environment. If NULL and python points to a Python executable living within a pre-existing virtual environment, that environment will be used. Otherwise, a project-local environment will be created instead.

project  The project directory. If NULL, then the active project will be used. If no project is currently active, then the current working directory is used instead.

Details

When Python integration is active, renv will:

- Save metadata about the requested version of Python in renv.lock – in particular, the Python version, and the Python type ("virtualenv", "conda", "system"),
- On load, set the RETICULATE_PYTHON environment variable, so that the reticulate package can automatically use the requested copy of Python as appropriate,
- Capture the set of installed Python packages during renv::snapshot(),
- Reinstall the set of recorded Python packages during renv::restore().

Value

TRUE, indicating that the requested version of Python has been successfully activated. Note that this function is normally called for its side effects.

Examples

## Not run:

# use python with a project
renv::use_python()

# use virtualenv python with a project
renv::use_python(type = "virtualenv")

# use conda python with a project
renv::use_python(type = "conda")
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