Package ‘tarchetypes’

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**Description**  Function-oriented Make-like declarative pipelines for Statistics and data science are supported in the 'targets' R package. As an extension to 'targets', the 'tarchetypes' package provides convenient user-side functions to make 'targets' easier to use. By establishing reusable archetypes for common kinds of targets and pipelines, these functions help express complicated reproducible pipelines concisely and compactly. The methods in this package were influenced by the 'drake' R package by Will Landau (2018) <doi:10.21105/joss.00550>.

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Description

A pipeline toolkit for R, the targets package brings together function-oriented programming and Make-like declarative pipelines for Statistics and data science. The tarchetypes package provides convenient helper functions to create specialized targets, making pipelines in targets easier and cleaner to write and understand.

Usage

tar_age(
  name,
  command,
  age,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
)
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name: Character of length 1, name of the target.
command: R code to run the target and return a value.
age: A `difftime` object of length 1, such as `as.difftime(3, units = "days")`. If the target's output data files are older than age (according to the most recent time stamp over all the target's output files) then the target will rerun. On the other hand, if at least one data file is younger than `Sys.time() - age`, then the ordinary invalidation rules apply, and the target may or not rerun. If you want to force the target to run every 3 days, for example, set `age = as.difftime(3, units = "days")`.

pattern: Language to define branching for a target. For example, in a pipeline with numeric vector targets `x` and `y`, `tar_target(z, x + y, pattern = map(x, y))` implicitly defines branches of `z` that each compute `x[1] + y[1]`, `x[2] + y[2]`, and so on. See the user manual for details.
tidy_eval: Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator `!!` to programmatically insert the values of global objects.
packages: Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.
library: Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.
format: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage format changed. The storage format is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
repository: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage repository changed. The storage repository is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
iteration: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified iteration method changed. The iteration method is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
error: Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
"abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)

"null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically
try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

**retrieval**

Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

**cue**

A `targets::tar_cue()` object. (See the "Cue objects" section for background.) This cue object should contain any optional secondary invalidation rules, anything except the `mode` argument. `mode` will be automatically determined by the `age` argument of `tar_age()`.

**description**

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

### Details

tar_age() uses the cue from `tar_cue_age()`, which uses the time stamps from `targets::tar_meta()$time`. See the help file of `targets::tar_timestamp()` for an explanation of how this time stamp is calculated.

### Value

A target object. See the "Target objects" section for background.

### Dynamic branches at regular time intervals

Time stamps are not recorded for whole dynamic targets, so `tar_age()` is not a good fit for dynamic branching. To invalidate dynamic branches at regular intervals, it is recommended to use `targets::tar_older()` in combination with `targets::tar_invalidate()` right before calling `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_invalidate(any_of(tar_older(Sys.time - as.difftime(1, units = "weeks"))))` invalidates all targets more than a week old. Then, the next `tar_make()` will rerun those targets.

### Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.
For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other cues: `tar_cue_age()`, `tar_cue_age_raw()`, `tar_cue_force()`, `tar_cue_skip()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_age(
          data,
          data.frame(x = seq_len(26)),
          age = as.difftime(0.5, units = "secs")
        )
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  Sys.sleep(0.6)
  targets::tar_make()
}
```

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**tar_change**

*Target that responds to an arbitrary change.*

**Description**

Create a target that responds to a change in an arbitrary value. If the value changes, the target reruns.

**Usage**

```r
tar_change(
  name,
  command,
  change,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
)```

memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command R code to run the target.

change R code for the upstream change-inducing target.

tidy_eval Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the !! operator from rlang) as soon as the target is defined (before tar_make()). Applies to arguments command and change.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the “Storage formats” section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
• "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**iteration** Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:
- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list", branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For `iteration = "group"`, the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error** Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory** Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with `repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection** Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment** Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).
priority

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

resources

Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

storage

Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

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The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval

Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue

An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream target always runs.

description

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

`tar_change()` creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target always runs and returns an auxiliary value. This auxiliary value gets referenced in the downstream
target, which causes the downstream target to rerun if the auxiliary value changes. The behavior is
cancelled if cue is tar_cue(depend = FALSE) or tar_cue(mode = "never").

Because the upstream target always runs, tar_outdated() and tar_visnetwork() will always
show both targets as outdated. However, tar_make() will still skip the downstream one if the
upstream target did not detect a change.

Value

A list of two target objects, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one triggers the
change, and the downstream one responds to it. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

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of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described
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pipelines.

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explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.roopensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition
of target objects.

See Also

Other targets with custom invalidation rules: tar_download(), tar_force(), tar_skip()

Examples

if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_change(x, command = tempfile(), change = tempfile())
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_make()
}

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**tar_combine**

*Static aggregation.*

**Description**

Aggregate the results of upstream targets into a new target.
Usage

tar_combine(
  name,
  ..., 
  command = vctrs::vec_c(!!!.x),
  use_names = TRUE,
  pattern = NULL,
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the new target.

... One or more target objects or list of target objects. Lists can be arbitrarily nested, as in list().

command R command to aggregate the targets. Must contain !!!.x where the arguments are to be inserted, where !!! is the unquote splice operator from rlang.

use_names Logical, whether to insert the names of the targets into the command when splicing.

pattern Language to define branching for a target. For example, in a pipeline with numeric vector targets x and y, tar_target(z, x + y, pattern = map(x, y)) implicitly defines branches of z that each compute x[1] + y[1], x[2] + y[2], and so on. See the user manual for details.

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format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
• "local": file system of the local machine.
• "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
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Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").
  If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.
  The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".
Value

A new target object to combine the return values from the upstream targets. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most `tarchetypes` functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      target1 <- targets::tar_target(x, head(mtcars))
      target2 <- targets::tar_target(y, tail(mtcars))
      target3 <- tarchetypes::tar_combine(
        new_target_name, target1, target2,
        command = bind_rows(!!!.x)
      )
      list(target1, target2, target3)
    })
  } else {
    targets::tar_manifest()
  }
}
```

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tar_combine_raw  

Static aggregation (raw version).

Description

Like `tar_combine()` except the name, command, and pattern arguments use standard evaluation.
Usage

tar_combine_raw(
  name,
  ..., # ...
  command = expression(vctrs::vec_c(!!!.x)),
  use_names = TRUE,
  pattern = NULL,
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Character, name of the new target.

... One or more target objects or list of target objects. Lists can be arbitrarily nested, as in list().

command Expression object, R command to aggregate the targets. Must contain !!!.x where the arguments are to be inserted, where !!! is the unquote splice operator from rlang.

use_names Logical, whether to insert the names of the targets into the command when splicing.

pattern Similar to the pattern argument of tar_target() except the object must already be an expression instead of informally quoted code. base::expression() and base::quote() can produce such objects.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target's return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
• "local": file system of the local machine.
• "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
• "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**iteration**
Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

• "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
• "list", branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
• "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For `iteration = "group"`, the target must not be dynamic (the `pattern` argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error**
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

• "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
• "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
• "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
• "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with `repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.
garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster mq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster mq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manif est() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manif est(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".
**Value**

A new target object to combine the return values from the upstream targets. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({  # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script(
      target1 <- targets::tar_target(x, head(mtcars))
      target2 <- targets::tar_target(y, tail(mtcars))
      target3 <- tarchetypes::tar_combine(new_target_name, target1, target2)
      list(target1, target2, target3)
    ))
  targets::tar_manifest()
}
```

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**tar_cue_age**  
*Cue to run a target when the last output reaches a certain age*

**Description**

tar_cue_age() creates a cue object to rerun a target if the most recent output data becomes old enough. The age of the target is determined by `targets::tar_timestamp()`, and the way the time stamp is calculated is explained in the Details section of the help file of that function.
Usage

tar_cue_age(
  name,
  age,
  command = TRUE,
  depend = TRUE,
  format = TRUE,
  repository = TRUE,
  iteration = TRUE,
  file = TRUE
)

Arguments

name     Symbol, name of the target.
age      A difftime object of length 1, such as as.difftime(3, units = ”days”). If the target’s output data files are older than age (according to the most recent time stamp over all the target’s output files) then the target will rerun. On the other hand, if at least one data file is younger than Sys.time() - age, then the ordinary invalidation rules apply, and the target may or not rerun. If you want to force the target to run every 3 days, for example, set age = as.difftime(3, units = ”days”).
command  Logical, whether to rerun the target if command changed since last time.
depend   Logical, whether to rerun the target if the value of one of the dependencies changed.
format   Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage format changed. The storage format is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().
repository Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage repository changed. The storage repository is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().
iteration Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified iteration method changed. The iteration method is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().
file     Logical, whether to rerun the target if the file(s) with the return value changed or at least one is missing.

Details

tar_cue_age() uses the time stamps from tar_meta$time. If no time stamp is recorded, the cue defaults to the ordinary invalidation rules (i.e. mode = ”thorough” in targets::tar_cue()).

Value

A cue object. See the ”Cue objects” section for background.

Dynamic branches at regular time intervals

Time stamps are not recorded for whole dynamic targets, so tar_age() is not a good fit for dynamic branching. To invalidate dynamic branches at regular intervals, it is recommended to use
targets::tar_older() in combination with targets::tar_invalidate() right before calling tar_make(). For example, tar_invalidate(any_of(tar_older(Sys.time - as.difftime(1, units = "weeks")))) # nolint invalidates all targets more than a week old. Then, the next tar_make() will rerun those targets.

Cue objects

A cue object is an object generated by targets::tar_cue(), tarchetypes::tar_cue_force(), or similar. It is a collection of decision rules that decide when a target is invalidated/ouated (e.g. when tar_make() or similar reruns the target). You can supply these cue objects to the tar_target() function or similar. For example, tar_target(x, run_stuff(), cue = tar_cue(mode = "always")) is a target that always calls run_stuff() during tar_make() and always shows as invalidated/ouated in tar_outdated(), tar_visnetwork(), and similar functions.

See Also

Other cues: tar_age(), tar_cue_age_raw(), tar_cue_force(), tar_cue_skip()

Examples

if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script(
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        targets::tar_target(
          data,
          data.frame(x = seq_len(26)),
          cue = tarchetypes::tar_cue_age(
            name = data,
            age = as.difftime(0.5, units = "secs")
          )
        )
      )
    )
  )
  targets::tar_make()
  Sys.sleep(0.6)
  targets::tar_make()
})

| tar_cue_age_raw | Cue to run a target when the last run reaches a certain age (raw version) |
**Description**

tar_cue_age_raw() acts like tar_cue_age() except the name argument is a character string, not a symbol. tar_cue_age_raw() creates a cue object to rerun a target if the most recent output data becomes old enough. The age of the target is determined by targets::tar_timestamp(), and the way the time stamp is calculated is explained in the Details section of the help file of that function.

**Usage**

tar_cue_age_raw(
  name,
  age,
  command = TRUE,
  depend = TRUE,
  format = TRUE,
  repository = TRUE,
  iteration = TRUE,
  file = TRUE
)

**Arguments**

- `name` Character of length 1, name of the target.
- `age` A `difftime` object of length 1, such as `as.difftime(3, units = "days")`. If the target’s output data files are older than age (according to the most recent time stamp over all the target’s output files) then the target will rerun. On the other hand, if at least one data file is younger than `Sys.time() - age`, then the ordinary invalidation rules apply, and the target may or not rerun. If you want to force the target to run every 3 days, for example, set `age = as.difftime(3, units = "days")`.
- `command` Logical, whether to rerun the target if command changed since last time.
- `depend` Logical, whether to rerun the target if the value of one of the dependencies changed.
- `format` Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage format changed. The storage format is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
- `repository` Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage repository changed. The storage repository is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
- `iteration` Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified iteration method changed. The iteration method is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.
- `file` Logical, whether to rerun the target if the file(s) with the return value changed or at least one is missing.

**Details**

tar_cue_age_raw() uses the time stamps from `tar_meta()`$time. If no time stamp is recorded, the cue defaults to the ordinary invalidation rules (i.e. mode = "thorough" in `targets::tar_cue()`).
Value

A cue object. See the "Cue objects" section for background.

Dynamic branches at regular time intervals

Time stamps are not recorded for whole dynamic targets, so `tar_age()` is not a good fit for dynamic branching. To invalidate dynamic branches at regular intervals, it is recommended to use `targets::tar_older()` in combination with `targets::tar_invalidate()` right before calling `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_invalidate(any_of(tar_older(Sys.time - as.difftime(1, units = "weeks")))` # nolint invalidates all targets more than a week old. Then, the next `tar_make()` will rerun those targets.

Cue objects

A cue object is an object generated by `targets::tar_cue()`, `tarchetypes::tar_cue_force()`, or similar. It is a collection of decision rules that decide when a target is invalidated/outdated (e.g. when `tar_make()` or similar reruns the target). You can supply these cue objects to the `tar_target()` function or similar. For example, `tar_target(x, run_stuff(), cue = tar_cue(mode = "always"))` is a target that always calls `run_stuff()` during `tar_make()` and always shows as invalidated/outdated in `tar_outdated()`, `tar_visnetwork()`, and similar functions.

See Also

Other cues: `tar_age()`, `tar_cue_age()`, `tar_cue_force()`, `tar_cue_skip()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({  # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        targets::tar_target(
          data,
          data.frame(x = seq_len(26)),
          cue = tarchetypes::tar_cue_age_raw(
            name = "data",
            age = as.difftime(0.5, units = "secs")
          )
        )
      )
    })
  }
  targets::tar_make()
  Sys.sleep(0.6)
  targets::tar_make()
}  
```
tar_cue_force

Cue to force a target to run if a condition is true

Description

tar_cue_force() creates a cue object to force a target to run if an arbitrary condition evaluates to TRUE. Supply the returned cue object to the cue argument of targets::tar_target() or similar.

Usage

tar_cue_force(
  condition,
  command = TRUE,
  depend = TRUE,
  format = TRUE,
  repository = TRUE,
  iteration = TRUE,
  file = TRUE
)

Arguments

ccondition Logical vector evaluated locally when the target is defined. If any element of condition is TRUE, the target will definitely rerun when the pipeline runs. Otherwise, the target may or may not rerun, depending on the other invalidation rules. condition is evaluated when this cue factory is called, so the condition cannot depend on upstream targets, and it should be quick to calculate.

ccommand Logical, whether to rerun the target if command changed since last time.

cdepend Logical, whether to rerun the target if the value of one of the dependencies changed.

cformat Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage format changed. The storage format is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().

crepository Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage repository changed. The storage repository is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().

citeration Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified iteration method changed. The iteration method is user-specified through tar_target() or tar_option_set().

cfile Logical, whether to rerun the target if the file(s) with the return value changed or at least one is missing.

Details

tar_cue_force() and tar_force() operate differently. The former defines a cue object based on an eagerly evaluated condition, and tar_force() puts the condition in a special upstream target that always runs. Unlike tar_cue_force(), the condition in tar_force() can depend on upstream targets, but the drawback is that targets defined with tar_force() will always show up as outdated in functions like tar_outdated() and tar_visnetwork() even though tar_make() may still skip the main target if the condition is not met.
**Value**

A cue object. See the "Cue objects" section for background.

**Cue objects**

A cue object is an object generated by \texttt{targets::tar\_cue()}, \texttt{tarchetypes::tar\_cue\_force()}, or similar. It is a collection of decision rules that decide when a target is invalidated/outsdated (e.g. when \texttt{tar\_make()} or similar reruns the target). You can supply these cue objects to the \texttt{tar\_target()} function or similar. For example, \texttt{tar\_target(x, run\_stuff(), cue = tar\_cue(mode = "always"))} is a target that always calls \texttt{run\_stuff()} during \texttt{tar\_make()} and always shows as invalidated/outsdated in \texttt{tar\_outdated()}, \texttt{tar\_visnetwork()}, and similar functions.

**See Also**

Other cues: \texttt{tar\_age()}, \texttt{tar\_cue\_age()}, \texttt{tar\_cue\_age\_raw()}, \texttt{tar\_cue\_skip()}

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR\_LONG\_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar\_dir({ # tar\_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar\_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        targets::tar\_target(
          data,
          data.frame(x = seq\_len(26)),
          cue = tarchetypes::tar\_cue\_force(1 > 0)
        )
      )
    })
  }
  targets::tar\_make()
  targets::tar\_make()
}
```

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**Description**

\texttt{tar\_cue\_skip()} creates a cue object to skip a target if an arbitrary condition evaluates to \texttt{TRUE}. The target still builds if it was never built before. Supply the returned cue object to the cue argument of \texttt{targets::tar\_target()} or similar.
Usage

tar_cue_skip(
  condition,
  command = TRUE,
  depend = TRUE,
  format = TRUE,
  repository = TRUE,
  iteration = TRUE,
  file = TRUE
)

Arguments

- **condition**: Logical vector evaluated locally when the target is defined. If any element of condition is `TRUE`, the pipeline will skip the target unless the target has never been built before. If all elements of condition are `FALSE`, then the target may or may not rerun, depending on the other invalidation rules. condition is evaluated when this cue factory is called, so the condition cannot depend on upstream targets, and it should be quick to calculate.

- **command**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if command changed since last time.

- **depend**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the value of one of the dependencies changed.

- **format**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage format changed. The storage format is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.

- **repository**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified storage repository changed. The storage repository is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.

- **iteration**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the user-specified iteration method changed. The iteration method is user-specified through `tar_target()` or `tar_option_set()`.

- **file**: Logical, whether to rerun the target if the file(s) with the return value changed or at least one is missing.

Value

A cue object. See the "Cue objects" section for background.

Cue objects

A cue object is an object generated by `targets::tar_cue()`, `tarchetypes::tar_cue_force()`, or similar. It is a collection of decision rules that decide when a target is invalidated/ outdated (e.g. when `tar_make()` or similar reruns the target). You can supply these cue objects to the `tar_target()` function or similar. For example, `tar_target(x, run_stuff(), cue = tar_cue(mode = "always"))` is a target that always calls `run_stuff()` during `tar_make()` and always shows as invalidated/outdated in `tar_outdated()`, `tar_visnetwork()`, and similar functions.

See Also

Other cues: `tar_age()`, `tar_cue_age()`, `tar_cue_age_raw()`, `tar_cue_force()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    library(tarchetypes)
    list(
      targets::tar_target(
        data,
        data.frame(x = seq_len(26)),
        cue = tarchetypes::tar_cue_skip(1 > 0)
      )
    )
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_script({
    library(tarchetypes)
    list(
      targets::tar_target(
        data,
        data.frame(x = seq_len(25)), # Change the command.
        cue = tarchetypes::tar_cue_skip(1 > 0)
      )
    )
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_make()
}
```

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tar_download  
Target that downloads URLs.

Description

Create a target that downloads file from one or more URLs and automatically reruns when the remote data changes (according to the ETags or last-modified time stamps).

Usage

```r
tar_download(
  name,
  urls,
  paths,
  method = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE,
  mode = "w",
  cacheOK = TRUE,
  extra = NULL,
  headers = NULL,
)```
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

urls Character vector of URLs to track and download. Must be known and declared before the pipeline runs.

paths Character vector of local file paths to download each of the URLs. Must be known and declared before the pipeline runs.

method Method to be used for downloading files. Current download methods are "internal", "libcurl", "wget", "curl" and "wininet" (Windows only), and there is a value "auto": see ‘Details’ and ‘Note’.
The method can also be set through the option "download.file.method": see options()

quiet If TRUE, suppress status messages (if any), and the progress bar.

mode character. The mode with which to write the file. Useful values are "w", "wb" (binary), "a" (append) and "ab". Not used for methods "wget" and "curl". See also ‘Details’, notably about using "wb" for Windows.

cacheOK logical. Is a server-side cached value acceptable?

extra character vector of additional command-line arguments for the "wget" and "curl" methods.

headers named character vector of additional HTTP headers to use in HTTP[S] requests. It is ignored for non-HTTP[S] URLs. The User-Agent header taken from the HTTPUserAgent option (see options) is automatically used as the first header.
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| iteration  | Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:  
  - "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.  
  - "list", branching happens with `[]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.  
  - "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For `iteration = "group"`, the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left `NULL`). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`. |
| error      | Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:  
  - "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.  
  - "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.  
  - "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)  
  - "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline. |
| memory     | Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage. |
| garbage_collection | Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs. |
| deployment | Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html). |
| priority   | Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`). |
| resources  | Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details. |
storage  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when `retrieval = "none"`).

If you select `storage = "none"`, then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of `storage = "none"` (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue  An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description  Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_download() creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target uses format = "url" (see targets::tar_target()) to track files at one or more URLs, and automatically invalidate the target if the ETags or last-modified time stamps change. The downstream target depends on the upstream one, downloads the files, and tracks them using format = "file".

Value
A list of two target objects, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one watches a URL for changes, and the downstream one downloads it. See the "Target objects" section for background.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other targets with custom invalidation rules: tar_change(), tar_force(), tar_skip()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_download(
          x,
          urls = c("https://httpbin.org/etag/test", "https://r-project.org"),
          paths = c("downloaded_file_1", "downloaded_file_2")
        )
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
    targets::tar_read(x)
  })
}
```

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**tar_eval**

*Evaluate multiple expressions created with symbol substitution.*

**Description**

Loop over a grid of values, create an expression object from each one, and then evaluate that expression. Helps with general metaprogramming.

**Usage**

```r
tar_eval(expr, values, envir = parent.frame())
```
Arguments

- `expr` Starting expression. Values are iteratively substituted in place of symbols in `expr` to create each new expression, and then each new expression is evaluated.
- `values` List of values to substitute into `expr` to create the expressions. All elements of `values` must have the same length.
- `envir` Environment in which to evaluate the new expressions.

Value

A list of return values from the generated expression objects. Often, these values are target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background on target objects specifically.

Target objects

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See Also

Other Metaprogramming utilities: `tar_eval_raw()`, `tar_sub()`, `tar_sub_raw()`

Examples

```r
# tar_map() is incompatible with tar_render() because the latter
# operates on preexisting tar_target() objects. By contrast,
# tar_eval() and tar_sub() iterate over the literal code
# farther upstream.
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = list("file1.Rmd", "file2.Rmd")
)
tar_sub(list(name, file), values = values)
tar_sub(tar_render(name, file), values = values)
path <- tempfile()
file.create(path)
str(tar_eval(tar_render(name, path), values = values))
# So in your _targets.R file, you can define a pipeline like as below.
# Just make sure to set a unique name for each target
# (which tar_map() does automatically).
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = c(path, path)
)
```
**Description**

Loop over a grid of values, create an expression object from each one, and then evaluate that expression. Helps with general metaprogramming. Unlike `tar_sub()`, which quotes the `expr` argument, `tar_sub_raw()` assumes `expr` is an expression object.

**Usage**

tar_eval_raw(expr, values, envir = parent.frame())

**Arguments**

- **expr**: Expression object with the starting expression. Values are iteratively substituted in place of symbols in `expr` to create each new expression, and then each expression is evaluated.
- **values**: List of values to substitute into `expr` to create the expressions. All elements of `values` must have the same length.
- **envir**: Environment in which to evaluate the new expressions.

**Value**

A list of return values from evaluating the expression objects. Often, these values are target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background on target objects specifically.

**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other Metaprogramming utilities: `tar_eval()`, `tar_sub()`, `tar_sub_raw()`
Examples

# tar_map() is incompatible with tar_render() because the latter
# operates on preexisting tar_target() objects. By contrast,
# tar_eval_raw() and tar_sub_raw() iterate over code farther upstream.
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = c("file1.Rmd", "file2.Rmd")
)
tar_sub_raw(quote(list(name, file)), values = values)
tar_sub_raw(quote(tar_render(name, file)), values = values)
path <- tempfile()
file.create(path)
str(tar_eval_raw(quote(tar_render(name, path)), values = values))

# So in your _targets.R file, you can define a pipeline like as below.
# Just make sure to set a unique name for each target
# (which tar_map() does automatically).
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = c(path, path)
)
list(
  tar_eval_raw(quote(tar_render(name, file)), values = values)
)

tar_files

Dynamic branching over output or input files.

Description

Dynamic branching over output or input files.

Usage

tar_files(
  name,
  command,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = c("file", "file_fast", "url", "aws_file"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
)
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in
R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name sym-
bolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target,
 f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends
on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name
determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the
same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
cover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and
run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG
state.

command R code to run the target.

tidy_eval Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern.
If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the
values of global objects.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output
data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set pack-
ages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Character of length 1. Must be "file", "url", or "aws_file". See the format
argument of targets::tar_target() for details.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

  • "local": file system of the local machine.
  • "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a
    non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(),
    but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud stor-
    age section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for
details for instructions.
  • "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage sec-
    tion of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for
    instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target
should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and
tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after
the target runs.

iteration Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:
- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list": branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target's return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

resources Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream target always runs.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_files() creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies format = "file", format = "file_fast", or format = "url". (URLs are input-only, they must already exist beforehand.) This is the correct way to dynamically iterate over file/url targets. It makes sure any downstream patterns only rerun some of their branches if the files/urls change. For more information, visit https://github.com/ropensci/targets/issues/136 and https://github.com/ropensci/drake/issues/1302.

Value
A list of two targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies format = "file", format
tar_files_input

Dynamic branching over input files or URLs

Description

Dynamic branching over input files or URLs.

Usage

```r
tar_files_input(
  name,
  files,
```
batches = length(files),
format = c("file", "file_fast", "url", "aws_file"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name        Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in
            R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name
            symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target,
            f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends
            on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name
            determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
            a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the
            same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
            dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
            cover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and
            run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG
            state.

files       Nonempty character vector of known existing input files to track for changes.

batches     Positive integer of length 1, number of batches to partition the files. The default
            is one file per batch (maximum number of batches) which is simplest to handle
            but could cause a lot of overhead and consume a lot of computing resources.
            Consider reducing the number of batches below the number of files for heavy
            workloads.

format      Character, either "file", "file_fast", or "url". See the format argument of
            targets::tar_target() for details.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
            • "local": file system of the local machine.
            • "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a
              non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(),
              but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud stor-
              age section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for
details for instructions.
            • "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage sec-
              tion of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for
              instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target
should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and
tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after
the target runs.

iteration Character, iteration method. Must be a method supported by the iteration
argument of targets::tar_target(). The iteration method for the upstream
target is always "list" in order to support batching.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets
  launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/
  debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is
deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the
pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in
memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case
targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid
sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded
after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically
loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based
dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory
strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means
it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient"
means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and
the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first
when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities
closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance
computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional ca-
pabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether
the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream
target always runs.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the
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argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names =
tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets
whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_files_input() is like tar_files() but more convenient when the files in question already
exist and are known in advance. Whereas tar_files() always appears outdated (e.g. with tar_outdated())
because it always needs to check which files it needs to branch over, `tar_files_input()` will appear up to date if the files have not changed since last `tar_make()`. In addition, `tar_files_input()` automatically groups input files into batches to reduce overhead and increase the efficiency of parallel processing. `tar_files_input()` creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies `format = "file"`, `format = "file_fast"`, or `format = "url"`. This is the correct way to dynamically iterate over file/url targets. It makes sure any downstream patterns only rerun some of their branches if the files/urls change. For more information, visit https://github.com/ropensci/targets/issues/136 and https://github.com/ropensci/drake/issues/1302.

**Value**

A list of two targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies `format = "file"` or `format = "url"`. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other Dynamic branching over files: `tar_files()`, `tar_files_input_raw()`, `tar_files_raw()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Do not use temp files in real projects
      # or else your targets will always rerun.
      paths <- unlist(replicate(4, tempfile()))
      file.create(paths)
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_files_input(
          x,
          paths,
          batches = 2
        )
      )
    })
})
```
targets::tar_make()
targets::tar_read(x)
targets::tar_read(x, branches = 1)
)
}

---

tar_files_input_raw  Dynamic branching over input files or URLs (raw version).

Description

Dynamic branching over input files or URLs.

Usage

tar_files_input_raw(
  name,
  files,
  batches = length(files),
  format = c("file", "file_fast", "url", "aws_file"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in
R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name sym-
bolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target,
  f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends
  on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name
determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
  a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the
same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
cover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and
run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG
state.

files  Nonempty character vector of known existing input files to track for changes.
**batches**
Positive integer of length 1, number of batches to partition the files. The default is one file per batch (maximum number of batches) which is simplest to handle but could cause a lot of overhead and consume a lot of computing resources. Consider reducing the number of batches below the number of files for heavy workloads.

**format**
Character, either "file", "file_fast", or "url". See the format argument of targets::tar_target() for details.

**repository**
Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**iteration**
Character, iteration method. Must be a method supported by the iteration argument of targets::tar_target(). The iteration method for the upstream target is always "list" in order to support batching.

**error**
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.
**Priority**  
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**Resources**  
Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**Cue**  
An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream target always runs.

**Description**  
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

### Details

`tar_files_input_raw()` is similar to `tar_files_input()` except the name argument must be a character string.

`tar_files_input_raw()` creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies `format = "file"` or `format = "url"`. This is the correct way to dynamically iterate over file/url targets. It makes sure any downstream patterns only rerun some of their branches if the files/urls change. For more information, visit [https://github.com/ropensci/targets/issues/136](https://github.com/ropensci/targets/issues/136) and [https://github.com/ropensci/drake/issues/1302](https://github.com/ropensci/drake/issues/1302).

### Value

A list of two targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies `format = "file"` or `format = "url"`. See the "Target objects" section for background.

### Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

### See Also

Other Dynamic branching over files: `tar_files()`, `tar_files_input()`, `tar_files_raw()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({
    # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Do not use temp files in real projects
      # or else your targets will always rerun.
      paths <- unlist(replicate(4, tempfile()))
      file.create(paths)
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_files_input_raw("x",
          paths,
          batches = 2
      )
    )
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_read(x)
  targets::tar_read(x, branches = 1)
}
}
```

Description

Dynamic branching over output or input files.

Usage

```r
tar_files_raw(
  name,
  command,
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = c("file", "file_fast", "url", "aws_file"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
)```

**Dynamic branching over output or input files (raw version).**
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

command R code to run the target.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Character of length 1. Must be "file", "url", or "aws_file". See the format argument of targets::tar_target() for details.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

iteration Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with vctrs::vec_slice() and aggregation happens with vctrs::vec_c().
- "list", branching happens with [[ ]] and aggregation happens with list().
- "group": dplyr::group_by()-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not be dynamic (the pattern argument of tar_target() must be left NULL).
The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error**  
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**  
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file" with repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**  
Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment**  
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is “worker” and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority**  
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources**  
Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**storage**  
Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it,
then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster mq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream target always runs.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

tar_files_raw() is similar to tar_files() except the name argument must be a character string and command must be a language object.

tar_files_raw() creates a pair of targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies format = "file", format = "file_fast", or format = "url". (URLs are input-only, they must already exist beforehand.) This is the correct way to dynamically iterate over file/url targets. It makes sure any downstream patterns only rerun some of their branches if the files/urls change. For more information, visit https://github.com/ropensci/targets/issues/136 and https://github.com/ropensci/drake/issues/1302.

Value

A list of two targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies format = "file", format = "file_fast", or format = "url". See the "Target objects" section for background.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other Dynamic branching over files: `tar_files()`, `tar_files_input()`, `tar_files_input_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Do not use temp files in real projects
      # or else your targets will always rerun.
      paths <- unlist(replicate(2, tempfile()))
      file.create(paths)
      command <- as.call(list("c", paths))
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_files_raw("x", command)
      )
    })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_read(x)
} }
```

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**tar_file_read**

Track a file and read the contents.

**Description**

Create a pair of targets: one to track a file with `format = "file"`, and another to read the file.

**Usage**

```r
tar_file_read(
  name,
  command,
  read,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
)```
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
format_file = c("file", "file_fast"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

command R code that runs in the format = "file" target and returns the file to be tracked.

read R code to read the file. Must include !!.x where the file path goes: for example, read = readr::read_csv(file = !!.x, col_types = readr::cols()).

tidy_eval Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target's return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

format_file Storage format of the file target, either "file" or "file_fast".
repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).
resources  Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

storage  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when `retrieval = "none"`).

If you select `storage = "none"`, then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (`format = "file"`) it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of `storage = "none"` (as opposed to `format = "file"`) is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, `storage = "none"` is completely unnecessary if `format` is "file".

retrieval  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue  An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description  Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Value

A list of two new target objects to track a file and read the contents. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most `tarchetypes` functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described
at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      tar_file_read(data, get_path(), read_csv(file = !!.x, col_types = cols()))
    })
  })
  targets::tar_manifest()
}
```

**tar_force**  
Target with a custom condition to force execution.

**Description**

Create a target that always runs if a user-defined condition rule is met.

**Usage**

```r
tar_force(
  name,  
  command,  
  force,  
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),  
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),  
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),  
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),  
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),  
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),  
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),  
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),  
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),  
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),  
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),  
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),  
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),  
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),  
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),  
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
```
Arguments

name
Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

command
R code to run the target.

force
R code for the condition that forces a build. If it evaluates to `TRUE`, then your work will run during `tar_make()`.

tidy_eval
Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to arguments `command` and `force`.

packages
Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library
Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format
Optional storage format for the target's return value. With the exception of `format = "file"`, each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository
Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

iteration
Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`. 

- "list": branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error**  
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**  
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**  
Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment**  
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority**  
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources**  
Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**storage**  
Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target's command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target's dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date. Only applies to the downstream target. The upstream target always runs.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

tar_force() creates a target that always runs when a custom condition is met. The implementation builds on top of tar_change(). Thus, a pair of targets is created: an upstream auxiliary target to indicate the custom condition and a downstream target that responds to it and does your work.

tar_force() does not actually use tar_cue_force(), and the mechanism is totally different. Because the upstream target always runs, tar_outdated() and tar_visnetwork() will always show both targets as outdated. However, tar_make() will still skip the downstream one if the upstream custom condition is not met.

Value

A list of 2 targets objects: one to indicate whether the custom condition is met, and another to respond to it and do your actual work. See the "Target objects" section for background.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other targets with custom invalidation rules: tar_change(), tar_download(), tar_skip()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_force(x, tempfile(), force = 1 > 0)
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_make()
}
```

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### tar_formats

**Description**

Target archetypes for specialized storage formats.

**Usage**

```r
tar_url(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
```
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_file(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_file_fast(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_rds(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_qs(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
tar_keras(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_torch(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_format_feather(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_parquet(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_fst(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_fst_dt(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_fst_tbl(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
}

tar_aws_file(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_rds(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_qs(
  name,
  command,
pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_keras(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_torch(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_format_aws_feather(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_parquet(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_fst(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

tar_aws_fst_dt(
  name,
  command,
  pattern = NULL,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
tar_aws_fst_tbl(
    name,
    command,
    pattern = NULL,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be valid for a symbol in
R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name
symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target,
f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends
on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name
determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the
same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
cover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and
run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG
state.

command R code to run the target.

pattern Language to define branching for a target. For example, in a pipeline with
numeric vector targets x and y, tar_target(z, x + y, pattern = map(x, y)) im-
plicitly defines branches of z that each compute x[1] + y[1], x[2] + y[2], and
so on. See the user manual for details.

tidy_eval Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern.
If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programatically insert the
values of global objects.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output
data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set pack-
eges globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.
repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

iteration Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:
- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list", branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.
garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources
Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").
  If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.
  The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".
Details

These functions are shorthand for targets with specialized storage formats. For example, `tar qs(name, fun())` is equivalent to `tar_target(name, fun(), format = "qs")`. For details on specialized storage formats, open the help file of the `targets::tar_target()` function and read about the format argument.

Value

A `tar_target()` object with the eponymous storage format. See the “Target objects” section for background.

Target objects

Most `tarchetypes` functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({
    # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script(
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_rds(x, 1)
      )
    )
  })
  targets::tar_make()
}
```

tar_group_by

Group a data frame target by one or more variables.

Description

Create a target that outputs a grouped data frame with `dplyr::group_by()` and `targets::tar_group()`. Downstream dynamic branching targets will iterate over the groups of rows.
Usage

tar_group_by(
    name,
    command,
    ...,
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
    repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
    deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name
Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command
R code to run the target.

... Symbols, variables in the output data frame to group by.

tidy_eval
Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

packages
Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library
Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format
Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format
is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

**repository**

Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**error**

Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**

Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**

Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment**

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority**

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).
resources Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of `targets`. See `tar_resources()` for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_cluster()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when `retrieval = "none"`).

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (`format = "file"`) it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_cluster()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Value

A target object to generate a grouped data frame to allows downstream dynamic targets to branch over the groups of rows. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described
at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other Grouped data frame targets: tar_group_count(), tar_group_select(), tar_group_size()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      produce_data <- function() {
        expand.grid(var1 = c("a","b"), var2 = c("c","d"), rep = c(1, 2, 3))
      }
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_group_by(data, produce_data(), var1, var2),
        tar_target(group, data, pattern = map(data))
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
  # Read the first row group:
    targets::tar_read(group, branches = 1)
  # Read the second row group:
    targets::tar_read(group, branches = 2)
  })
```

### tar_group_count

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<th>Group the rows of a data frame into a given number groups</th>
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**Description**

Create a target that outputs a grouped data frame for downstream dynamic branching. Set the maximum number of groups using `count`. The number of rows per group varies but is approximately uniform.

**Usage**

```r
tar_group_count(
  name,
  command,
  count,
```
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

count  Positive integer, maximum number of row groups

tidy_eval  Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator `!!` to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of `format = "file"`, each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
• "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of \texttt{tar_resources_aws()}, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html} for details for instructions.
• "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html} for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

\textbf{error} Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
• "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
• "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
• "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html} to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
• "null": The errored target continues and returns \texttt{NULL}. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

\textbf{memory} Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

\textbf{garbage_collection} Logical, whether to run \texttt{base::gc()} just before the target runs.

\textbf{deployment} Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html}.

\textbf{priority} Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in \texttt{tar_make_future()}).

\textbf{resources} Object returned by \texttt{tar_resources()} with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See \texttt{tar_resources()} for details.
**Value**

A target object to generate a grouped data frame to allow downstream dynamic targets to branch over the groups of rows. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.
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See Also

Other Grouped data frame targets: tar_group_by(), tar_group_select(), tar_group_size()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      produce_data <- function() {
        expand.grid(var1 = c("a", "b"), var2 = c("c", "d"), rep = c(1, 2, 3))
      }
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_group_count(data, produce_data(), count = 2),
        tar_target(group, data, pattern = map(data))
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
    # Read the first row group:
    targets::tar_read(group, branches = 1)
    # Read the second row group:
    targets::tar_read(group, branches = 2)
  })
}
```

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**tar_group_select**  
*Group a data frame target with tidyselect semantics.*

**Description**

Create a target that outputs a grouped data frame with dplyr::group_by() and targets::tar_group(). Unlike tar_group_by(), tar_group_select() expects you to select grouping variables using tidyselect semantics. Downstream dynamic branching targets will iterate over the groups of rows.

**Usage**

```r
tar_group_select(
  name,
  command,
  by = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
```
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in
R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name sym-
bolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target,
f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends
on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name
determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the
same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
cover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and
run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG
state.

command  R code to run the target.

by  Tidyselect semantics to specify variables to group over. Alternatively, you can
supply a character vector.

tidy_eval  Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting
command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the
values of global objects.

packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output
data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set pack-
ages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of
format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format
is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section
for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

• "local": file system of the local machine.
• "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a
non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws().
but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clusterMQ() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").
If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.
The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.
description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Value
A target object to generate a grouped data frame to allows downstream dynamic targets to branch over the groups of rows. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specifica-
tion at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other Grouped data frame targets: `tar_group_by()`, `tar_group_count()`, `tar_group_size()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  tar_group_size("group", data, command, size = 3)
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_read(group, branches = 1)
  targets::tar_read(group, branches = 2)
}
```

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**tar_group_size**

*Group the rows of a data frame into groups of a given size.*

**Description**

Create a target that outputs a grouped data frame for downstream dynamic branching. Row groups have the number of rows you supply to `size` (plus the remainder in a group of its own, if applicable.) The total number of groups varies.

**Usage**

```r
    tar_group_size(
      name,  
      command, 
      size,  
      tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"), 
      packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"), 
      library = targets::tar_option_get("library"), 
      format = targets::tar_option_get("format"), 
      repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"), 
      error = targets::tar_option_get("error"), 
    )
```
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command  R code to run the target.

size  Positive integer, maximum number of rows in each group.

tidy_eval  Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
**error** Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory** Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection** Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment** Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority** Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources** Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**storage** Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

**retrieval** Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

**cue** An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

**description** Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

**Value**

A target object to generate a grouped data frame to allows downstream dynamic targets to branch over the groups of rows. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.
See Also

Other Grouped data frame targets: `tar_group_by()`, `tar_group_count()`, `tar_group_select()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      produce_data <- function() {
        expand.grid(var1 = c("a", "b"), var2 = c("c", "d"), rep = c(1, 2, 3))
      }
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_group_size(data, produce_data(), size = 7),
        tar_target(group, data, pattern = map(data))
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
  # Read the first row group:
  targets::tar_read(group, branches = 1)
  # Read the second row group:
  targets::tar_read(group, branches = 2)
}
```

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tar_hook_before

**Hook to prepend code**

Description

Prepend R code to the commands of multiple targets.

Usage

`tar_hook_before(targets, hook, names = NULL, set_deps = TRUE)`

Arguments

- `targets`: A list of target objects. The input target list can be arbitrarily nested, but it must consist entirely of target objects. In addition, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.
- `hook`: R code to insert. When you supply code to this argument, the code is quoted (not evaluated) so there is no need to wrap it in `quote()`, `expression()`, or similar.
- `names`: Name of targets in the target list to apply the hook. Supplied with tidyselect helpers like `starts_with()`, as in `names = starts_with("your_prefix_")`. Targets not included in `names` still remain in the target list, but they are not modified because the hook does not apply to them.
**tar_hook_before**

**set_deps**

Logical of length 1, whether to refresh the dependencies of each modified target by scanning the newly generated target commands for dependencies. If **FALSE**, then the target will keep the original set of dependencies it had before the hook. **TRUE** is recommended for nearly all situations. Only use **FALSE** if you have a specialized use case and you know what you are doing.

**Value**

A flattened list of target objects with the hooks applied. Even if the input target list had a nested structure, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.

**Target objects**

Most **tar** functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other hooks: **tar_hook_inner()**, **tar_hook_outer()**

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      targets <- list(
        # Nested target lists work with hooks.
        list(
          targets::tar_target(x1, task1()),
          targets::tar_target(x2, task2(x1))
        ),
        targets::tar_target(x3, task3(x2)),
        targets::tar_target(y1, task4(x3))
      )
    )
    tarchetypes::tar_hook_before(
      targets = targets,
      hook = print("Running hook."),
      names = starts_with("x")
    )
  })
  targets::tar_manifest(fields = command)
}
```
tar_hook_inner  

Hook to wrap dependencies

Description

In the command of each target, wrap each mention of each dependency target in an arbitrary R expression.

Usage

tar_hook_inner(targets, hook, names = NULL, names_wrap = NULL, set_deps = TRUE)

Arguments

targets  
A list of target objects. The input target list can be arbitrarily nested, but it must consist entirely of target objects. In addition, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.

hook  
R code to wrap each target’s command. The hook must contain the special placeholder symbol .x so tar_hook_inner() knows where to insert the code to wrap mentions of dependencies. The hook code is quoted (not evaluated) so there is no need to wrap it in quote(), expression(), or similar.

names  
Name of targets in the target list to apply the hook. Supplied with tidyselect helpers like starts_with(), as in names = starts_with("your_prefix_”). Targets not included in names still remain in the target list, but they are not modified because the hook does not apply to them.

names_wrap  
Names of targets to wrap with the hook where they appear as dependencies in the commands of other targets. Use tidyselect helpers like starts_with(), as in names_wrap = starts_with("your_prefix_”).

set_deps  
Logical of length 1, whether to refresh the dependencies of each modified target by scanning the newly generated target commands for dependencies. If FALSE, then the target will keep the original set of dependencies it had before the hook. TRUE is recommended for nearly all situations. Only use FALSE if you have a specialized use case and you know what you are doing.

Details

The expression you supply to hook must contain the special placeholder symbol .x so tar_hook_inner() knows where to insert the original command of the target.

Value

A flattened list of target objects with the hooks applied. Even if the input target list had a nested structure, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.
**Target objects**

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other hooks: `tar_hook_before()`, `tar_hook_outer()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      targets <- list(
        list(
          targets::tar_target(x1, task1()),
          targets::tar_target(x2, task2(x1))
        ),
        targets::tar_target(x3, task3(x2, x1)),
        targets::tar_target(y1, task4(x3))
      )
    )
    tarchetypes::tar_hook_inner(
      targets = targets,
      hook = fun(.x),
      names = starts_with("x")
    )
    )
  targets::tar_manifest(fields = command)
  )
}
```

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**tar_hook_outer**

**Hook to wrap commands**

**Description**

Wrap the command of each target in an arbitrary R expression.

**Usage**

```r
tar_hook_outer(targets, hook, names = NULL, set_deps = TRUE)
```
Arguments

**targets**
A list of target objects. The input target list can be arbitrarily nested, but it must consist entirely of target objects. In addition, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.

**hook**
R code to wrap each target’s command. The hook must contain the special placeholder symbol `.x` so `tar_hook_outer()` knows where to insert the original command of the target. The hook code is quoted (not evaluated) so there is no need to wrap it in `quote()`, `expression()`, or similar.

**names**
Name of targets in the target list to apply the hook. Supplied with tidyselect helpers like `starts_with()`, as in `names = starts_with("your_prefix_")`. Targets not included in `names` still remain in the target list, but they are not modified because the hook does not apply to them.

**set_deps**
Logical of length 1, whether to refresh the dependencies of each modified target by scanning the newly generated target commands for dependencies. If `FALSE`, then the target will keep the original set of dependencies it had before the hook. `TRUE` is recommended for nearly all situations. Only use `FALSE` if you have a specialized use case and you know what you are doing.

Details

The expression you supply to `hook` must contain the special placeholder symbol `.x` so `tar_hook_outer()` knows where to insert the original command of the target.

Value

A flattened list of target objects with the hooks applied. Even if the input target list had a nested structure, the return value is a simple list where each element is a target object. All hook functions remove the nested structure of the input target list.

Target objects

Most tarctypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

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See Also

Other hooks: `tar_hook_before()`, `tar_hook_inner()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      targets <- list(
        # Nested target lists work with hooks.
        list(
          targets::tar_target(x1, task1()),
          targets::tar_target(x2, task2(x1))
        ),
        targets::tar_target(x3, task3(x2)),
        targets::tar_target(y1, task4(x3))
      )
    tarchetypes::tar_hook_outer(
      targets = targets,
      hook = postprocess(.x, arg = "value"),
      names = starts_with("x")
    )
  })
  targets::tar_manifest(fields = command)
})
```

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**tar_knit**  
**Target with a knitr document.**

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**Description**

Shorthand to include knitr document in a targets pipeline.

**Usage**

```r
tar_knit(
  name,
  path,
  output_file = NULL,
  working_directory = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = "main",
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
```
description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
quiet = TRUE,
...
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

path Character string, file path to the knitr source file. Must have length 1.

output_file Character string, file path to the rendered output file.

working_directory Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is `NULL`, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than `NULL`, you must manually set the value of the `store` argument relative to the working directory in all calls to `tar_read()` and `tar_load()` in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

tidy_eval Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If `TRUE`, you can use the “bang-bang” operator `!!` to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

target error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.
memory
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.
priority
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).
resources
Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.
retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.
cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.
description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".
quiet
Boolean; suppress the progress bar and messages?
... Named arguments to knitr::knit(). These arguments are evaluated when the target actually runs in tar_make(), not when the target is defined.
Details

tar_knit() is an alternative to tar_target() for knitr reports that depend on other targets. The knitr source should mention dependency targets with tar_load() and tar_read() in the active code chunks (which also allows you to knit the report outside the pipeline if the _targets/data store already exists). (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.) Then, tar_knit() defines a special kind of target. It 1. Finds all the tar_load()/tar_read() dependencies in the report and inserts them into the target’s command. This enforces the proper dependency relationships. (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.) 2. Sets format = "file" (see tar_target()) so targets watches the files at the returned paths and reruns the report if those files change. 3. Configures the target’s command to return both the output report files and the input source file. All these file paths are relative paths so the project stays portable. 4. Forces the report to run in the user’s current working directory instead of the working directory of the report. 5. Sets convenient default options such as deployment = "main" in the target and quiet = TRUE in knitr::knit().

Value

A tar_target() object with format = "file". When this target runs, it returns a character vector of file paths. The first file paths are the output files (returned by knitr::knit()) and the knitr source file is last. But unlike knitr::knit(), all returned paths are relative paths to ensure portability (so that the project can be moved from one file system to another without invalidating the target). See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other Literate programming targets: tar_knit_raw(), tar_quarto(), tar_quarto_raw(), tar_quarto_rep(), tar_quarto_rep_raw(), tar_render(), tar_render_raw(), tar_render_rep(), tar_render_rep_raw()

Examples

if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Ordinarily, you should create the report outside
      # tar_script() and avoid temporary files.
      lines <- c("---",
        "---",})
  })
}
```
"title: report",
"output_format: html_document",
"---",
"
```

```r
targets::tar_read(data)
```

```r
path <- tempfile()
writeLines(lines, path)
list(
  targets::tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
  tarchetypes::tar_knit(report, path)
)
)
targets::tar_make()
```
Description

Construct an expression whose global variable dependencies are the target dependencies of one or more literate programming reports (R Markdown or knitr). This helps third-party developers create their own third-party target factories for literate programming targets (similar to tar_knit() and tar_render()).

Usage

tar_knitr_deps_expr(path)

Arguments

path Character vector, path to one or more R Markdown or knitr reports.

Value

Expression object to name the dependency targets of the knitr report, which will be detected in the static code analysis of targets.

See Also

Other Literate programming utilities: tar_knitr_deps(), tar_quarto_files()
report <- tempfile()
writeLines(lines, report)
tar_knit_deps_expr(report)

Description

Shorthand to include a knitr document in a targets pipeline (raw version)

Usage

tar_knit_raw(
  name,
  path,
  output_file = NULL,
  working_directory = NULL,
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = "main",
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  knit_arguments = quote(list())
)

Arguments

name   Character of length 1, name of the target.
path   Character string, file path to the knitr source file. Must have length 1.
output_file   Character string, file path to the rendered output file.
working_directory   Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls to tar_read() and tar_load() in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.
packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

derror  Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory  Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with `repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection  Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

deployment  Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority  Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

resources  Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

retrieval  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.
An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Boolean; suppress the progress bar and messages?

Optional language object with a list of named arguments to `knitr::knit()`. Cannot be an expression object. (Use `quote()`, not `expression()`.) The reason for quoting is that these arguments may depend on upstream targets whose values are not available at the time the target is defined, and because `tar_knit_raw()` is the “raw” version of a function, we want to avoid all non-standard evaluation.

`tar_knit_raw()` is just like `tar_knit()` except that it uses standard evaluation. The name argument is a character vector, and the `knit_arguments` argument is a language object.

A `tar_target()` object with `format = "file"`. When this target runs, it returns a character vector of file paths. The first file paths are the output files (returned by `knitr::knit()`), and the `knitr` source file is last. But unlike `knitr::knit()`, all returned paths are relative paths to ensure portability (so that the project can be moved from one file system to another without invalidating the target). See the “Target objects” section for background.

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For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_raw()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_quarto_rep_raw()`, `tar_render()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep()`, `tar_render_rep_raw()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Ordinarily, you should create the report outside
      # tar_script() and avoid temporary files.
      lines <- c(
        "---",
        "title: report",
        "output_format: html_document",
        "---",
        "\"",
        "```\{r\}",
        "targets::tar_read(data)",
        "```"
      )
      path <- tempfile()
      writeLines(lines, path)
      list(
        targets::tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
        tarchetypes::tar_knit_raw("report", path)
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
  }
}
```

Description

Define multiple new targets based on existing target objects.

Usage

```r
tar_map(
  values,
  ..., # names = tidyselect::everything(),
  descriptions = tidyselect::everything(),
  unlist = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

- `values` Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. `tar_map()` uses these elements to
create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using `quote()` when you define values, as shown at [https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105](https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105).

... One or more target objects or list of target objects. Lists can be arbitrarily nested, as in `list()`.

`names` Subset of `names(values)` used to generate the suffixes in the names of the new targets. The value of `names` should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to `any_of()` or `starts_with()`.

`descriptions` Names of a column in `values` to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of `descriptions` should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to `any_of()` or `starts_with()`.

`unlist` Logical, whether to flatten the returned list of targets. If `unlist = FALSE`, the list is nested and sub-lists are named and grouped by the original input targets. If `unlist = TRUE`, the return value is a flat list of targets named by the new target names.

Details

tar_map() creates collections of new targets by iterating over a list of arguments and substituting symbols into commands and pattern statements.

Value

A list of new target objects. If `unlist` is `FALSE`, the list is nested and sub-lists are named and grouped by the original input targets. If `unlist = TRUE`, the return value is a flat list of targets named by the new target names. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

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See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map.rep()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_map(
          list(a = c(12, 34), b = c(45, 78)),
          targets::tar_target(x, a + b),
          targets::tar_target(y, x + a, pattern = map(x))
        )
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_manifest()
}
}
```

tar_map2_count  
Dynamic-within-static branching for data frames (count batching).

Description

Define targets for batched dynamic-within-static branching for data frames, where the user sets the (maximum) number of batches.

Usage

```r
tar_map2_count(
  name,
  command1,
  command2,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = tidyselect::everything(),
  batches = 1L,
  combine = TRUE,
  suffix1 = "1",
  suffix2 = "2",
  columns1 = tidyselect::everything(),
  columns2 = tidyselect::everything(),
  rep_workers = 1,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
)```
deployments = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

command1 R code to create named arguments to command2. Must return a data frame with one row per call to command2.

command2 R code to map over the data frame of arguments produced by command1. Must return a data frame.

values Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. tar_map() uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using quote() when you define values, as shown at https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105.

names Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If NULL, then short names are automatically generated.

descriptions Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to any_of() or starts_with().

batches Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during tar_make().

combine Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

suffix1 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command1 targets to distinguish them from the command2 targets.
suffix2 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command2 targets to distinguish them from the command1 targets.

columns1 A tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output of all targets. Columns already in the target output are not appended.

columns2 A tidyselect expression to select which columns of command1 output to append to command2 output. Columns already in the target output are not appended. columns1 takes precedence over columns2.

rep_workers Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

tidy_eval Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the !! operator from rlang) as soon as the target is defined (before tar_make()). Applies to the command argument.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.
memory  Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection  Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment  Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority  Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources  Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage  Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval  Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

Static branching creates one pair of targets for each row in `values`. In each pair, there is an upstream non-dynamic target that runs `command1` and a downstream dynamic target that runs `command2`. `command1` produces a data frame of arguments to `command2`, and `command2` dynamically maps over these arguments in batches.

Value

A list of new target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

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Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why `tar_rep()` and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, `tar_option_get("seed")` (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...)` produces the same numerical output as `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...)` (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are `tar_rep2()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_size()`, and `tar_render_rep()`.

For the `tar_map2_*()` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the `command1` argument and then invoke them in your custom code for `command2` (e.g., `set.seed()`, `withr::with_seed`, or `withr::local_seed()`). For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the `params` argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the `execute_params` argument.

See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      tarchetypes::tar_map2_count(
        x,
        command1 = tibble::tibble(
          arg1 = arg1,
          arg2 = seq_len(6)
        ),
        command2 = tibble::tibble(
          result = paste(arg1, arg2),
          random = sample.int(1e9, size = 1),
          length_input = length(arg1)
        ),
        values = tibble::tibble(arg1 = letters[seq_len(2)]),
        batches = 3
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
    targets::tar_read(x)
  })
}
```

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**Description**

Define targets for batched dynamic-within-static branching for data frames, where the user sets the (maximum) number of batches. Like `tar_map2_count()` except `name` is a character string and `command1`, `command2`, `names`, `columns1`, and `columns2` are all language objects.
Usage

```r
tar_map2_count_raw(
  name,
  command1,
  command2,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  batches = 1L,
  combine = TRUE,
  suffix1 = "1",
  suffix2 = "2",
  rep_workers = 1,
  columns1 = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  columns2 = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
```

Arguments

- **name**: Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

- **command1**: Language object to create named arguments to `command2`. Must return a data frame with one row per call to `command2`. 
command2  Language object to map over the data frame of arguments produced by command1. Must return a data frame.

values  Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. tar_map() uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using quote() when you define values, as shown at https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105.

names  Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If NULL, then short names are automatically generated.

descriptions  Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to any_of() or starts_with().

batches  Positive integer of length 1, maximum number of batches (dynamic branches within static branches) of the downstream (command2) targets. Batches are formed from row groups of the command1 target output.

combine  Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

suffix1  Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command1 targets to distinguish them from the command2 targets.

suffix2  Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command2 targets to distinguish them from the command1 targets.

rep_workers  Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

columns1  Language object, a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output of all targets.

columns2  Language object, a tidyselect expression to select which columns of command1 output to append to command2 output. In case of conflicts, columns1 takes precedence.

tidy_eval  Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the !! operator from rlang) as soon as the target is defined (before tar_make()). Applies to the command argument.

packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
• "local": file system of the local machine.
• "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
• "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

`error` Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
  • "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
  • "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
  • "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
  • "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

`memory` Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

`garbage_collection` Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

`deployment` Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

`priority` Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

`resources` Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.
storage  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when `retrieval = "none"`).

If you select `storage = "none"`, then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (`format = "file"`) it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of `storage = "none"` (as opposed to `format = "file"`) is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, `storage = "none"` is completely unnecessary if `format` is "file".

retrieval  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue  An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description  Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

Static branching creates one pair of targets for each row in `values`. In each pair, there is an upstream non-dynamic target that runs `command1` and a downstream dynamic target that runs `command2`. `command1` produces a data frame of arguments to `command2`, and `command2` dynamically maps over these arguments in batches.

Value

A list of new target objects. See the “Target objects” section for background.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why tar_rep() and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, tar_option_get("seed") (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...) produces the same numerical output as tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...) (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are tar_rep2(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_size(), and tar_render_rep(). For the tar_map2_*() functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the command1 argument and then invoke them in your custom code for command2 (set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed()). For tar_render_rep(), custom seeds can be supplied to the params argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with tar_quarto_rep() and the execute_params argument.

See Also

Other branching: tar_combine(), tar_combine_raw(), tar_map(), tar_map2(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_raw(), tar_map2_size(), tar_map2_size_raw(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map_rep_raw(), tar_rep(), tar_rep2(), tar_rep2_raw(), tar_rep_map(), tar_rep_map_raw(), tar_rep_raw()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      tarchetypes::tar_map2_count_raw("x",
        command1 = quote(tibble::tibble(
          arg1 = arg1,
          arg2 = seq_len(6)
        ),
      ),
      command2 = quote(
```
Dynamic-within-static branching for data frames (size batching).

Description

Define targets for batched dynamic-within-static branching for data frames, where the user sets the (maximum) size of each batch.

Usage

tar_map2_size(
  name,
  command1,
  command2,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = tidyselect::everything(),
  size = Inf,
  combine = TRUE,
  suffix1 = "1",
  suffix2 = "2",
  columns1 = tidyselect::everything(),
  columns2 = tidyselect::everything(),
  rep_workers = 1,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
)
Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command1 R code to create named arguments to command2. Must return a data frame with one row per call to command2.

command2 R code to map over the data frame of arguments produced by command1. Must return a data frame.

values Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. `tar_map()` uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using `quote()` when you define values, as shown at https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105.

names Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If NULL, then short names are automatically generated.

descriptions Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to any_of() or starts_with().

size Positive integer of length 1, maximum number of rows in each batch for the downstream (command2) targets. Batches are formed from row groups of the command1 target output.

combine Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

suffix1 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command1 targets to distinguish them from the command2 targets.
suffix2 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command2 targets to distinguish them from the command1 targets.

columns1 A tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output of all targets. Columns already in the target output are not appended.

columns2 A tidyselect expression to select which columns of command1 output to append to command2 output. Columns already in the target output are not appended. columns1 takes precedence over columns2.

rep_workers Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

tidy_eval Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the !! operator from rlang) as soon as the target is defined (before tar_make()). Applies to the command argument.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of tar_resources_aws(), but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources
Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

• "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
Static branching creates one pair of targets for each row in values. In each pair, there is an upstream non-dynamic target that runs command1 and a downstream dynamic target that runs command2. command1 produces a data frame of arguments to command2, and command2 dynamically maps over these arguments in batches.

Value
A list of new target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects
Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Replicate-specific seeds
In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why tar_rep() and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, tar_option_get("seed") (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...) produces the same numerical output as tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...) (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are tar_rep2(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_size(), and tar_render_rep().
For the `tar_map2_*( )` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the `command1` argument and then invoke them in your custom code for `command2` (e.g., `set.seed()`, `withr::with_seed()`, or `withr::local_seed()`). For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the `params` argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the `execute_params` argument.

See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      tarchetypes::tar_map2_size(
        x,
        command1 = tibble::tibble(
          arg1 = arg1,
          arg2 = seq_len(6)
        ),
        command2 = tibble::tibble(
          result = paste(arg1, arg2),
          random = sample.int(1e9, size = 1),
          length_input = length(arg1)
        ),
        values = tibble::tibble(arg1 = letters[seq_len(2)]),
        size = 2
      )
    })
    targets::tar_make()
    targets::tar_read(x)
  })
}
```

`tar_map2_size_raw` *Dynamic-within-static branching for data frames (size batching: raw version).*

Description

Define targets for batched dynamic-within-static branching for data frames, where the user sets the (maximum) size of each batch. Like `tar_map2_size()` except name is a character string and `command1`, `command2`, `names`, `columns1`, and `columns2` are all language objects.
Usage

```
tar_map2_size_raw(
  name,
  command1,
  command2,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  size = Inf,
  combine = TRUE,
  suffix1 = "1",
  suffix2 = "2",
  columns1 = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  columns2 = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  rep_workers = 1,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
```

Arguments

- **name**: Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

- **command1**: Language object to create named arguments to `command2`. Must return a data frame with one row per call to `command2`.
command2 Language object to map over the data frame of arguments produced by command1. Must return a data frame.

values Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. tar_map() uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using quote() when you define values, as shown at https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105.

names Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If NULL, then short names are automatically generated.

descriptions Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to any_of() or starts_with().

size Positive integer of length 1, maximum number of rows in each batch for the downstream (command2) targets. Batches are formed from row groups of the command1 target output.

combine Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

suffix1 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command1 targets to distinguish them from the command2 targets.

suffix2 Character of length 1, suffix to apply to the command2 targets to distinguish them from the command1 targets.

columns1 Language object, a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output of all targets.

columns2 Language object, a tidyselect expression to select which columns of command1 output to append to command2 output. In case of conflicts, columns1 takes precedence.

rep_workers Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

tidy_eval Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the !! operator from rlang) as soon as the target is defined (before tar_make()). Applies to the command argument.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:
- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in `targets`, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

resources Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.
storage Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when `retrieval = "none"`).

If you select `storage = "none"`, then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (`format = "file"`) it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of `storage = "none"` (as opposed to `format = "file"`) is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, `storage = "none"` is completely unnecessary if `format` is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the target’s dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the `names` argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

Static branching creates one pair of targets for each row in `values`. In each pair, there is an upstream non-dynamic target that runs `command1` and a downstream dynamic target that runs `command2`. `command1` produces a data frame of arguments to `command2`, and `command2` dynamically maps over these arguments in batches.

Value

A list of new target objects. See the “Target objects” section for background.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why tar_rep() and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, tar_option_get("seed") (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...) produces the same numerical output as tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...) (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are tar_rep2(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_size(), and tar_render_rep(). For the tar_map2_*() functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the command1 argument and then invoke them in your custom code for command2 (set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed()). For tar_render_rep(), custom seeds can be supplied to the params argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with tar_quarto_rep() and the execute_params argument.

See Also

Other branching: tar_combine(), tar_combine_raw(), tar_map(), tar_map2(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_count_raw(), tar_map2_raw(), tar_map2_size(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map_rep_raw(), tar_rep(), tar_rep2(), tar_rep2_raw(), tar_rep_map(), tar_rep_map_raw(), tar_rep_raw()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      tarchetypes::tar_map2_size_raw("x",
        command1 = quote(tibble::tibble(arg1 = arg1,
                            arg2 = seq_len(6))
      ),
      command2 = quote(
    )
  )
```
Dynamic batched replication within static branches for data frames.

Description

Define targets for batched replication within static branches for data frames.

Usage

```r
tar_map_rep(
  name,
  command,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = tidyselect::everything(),
  columns = tidyselect::everything(),
  batches = 1,
  reps = 1,
  rep_workers = 1,
  combine = TRUE,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
)
```


```r
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
```

### Arguments

- **name**
  
  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and `run tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

- **command**
  
  R code for a single replicate. Must return a data frame.

- **values**
  
  Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. `tar_map()` uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using `quote()` when you define values, as shown at [https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105](https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105).

- **names**
  
  Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If `NULL`, then short names are automatically generated.

- **descriptions**
  
  Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to `any_of()` or `starts_with()`.

- **columns**
  
  A tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output. Columns already in the target output are not appended.

- **batches**
  
  Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during `tar_make()`.

- **reps**
  
  Number of replications in each batch. The total number of replications is `batches * reps`.

- **rep_workers**
  
  Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

- **combine**
  
  Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

- **tidy_eval**
  
  Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to the command argument.
packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository  Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if repository is not "local" and format is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

error  Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory  Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection  Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.
deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_cluster() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".
**Value**

A list of new target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

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**Replicate-specific seeds**

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why `tar_rep()` and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, `tar_option_get("seed")` (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...)` produces the same numerical output as `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...)` (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are `tar_rep2()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_size()`, and `tar_render_rep()`. For the `tar_map2_*()` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the `command1` argument and then invoke them in your custom code for `command2(set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed())`. For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the `params` argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the `execute_params` argument.

**See Also**

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script(
      # Just a sketch of a Bayesian sensitivity analysis of hyperparameters:
      assess_hyperparameters <- function(sigma1, sigma2) {
        # data <- simulate_random_data() # user-defined function
        # run_model(data, sigma1, sigma2) # user-defined function
        # Mock output from the model:
```
posterior_samples <- stats::rnorm(1000, 0, sigma1 + sigma2)
tibble::tibble(
  posterior_median = median(posterior_samples),
  posterior_quantile_0.025 = quantile(posterior_samples, 0.025),
  posterior_quantile_0.975 = quantile(posterior_samples, 0.975)
)

hyperparameters <- tibble::tibble(
  scenario = c("tight", "medium", "diffuse"),
  sigma1 = c(10, 50, 50),
  sigma2 = c(10, 5, 10)
)
tarchetypes::tar_map_rep(
  sensitivity_analysis,
  command = assess_hyperparameters(sigma1, sigma2),
  values = hyperparameters,
  names = tidyselect::any_of("scenario"),
  batches = 2,
  reps = 3
)
))
targets::tar_make()
targets::tar_read(sensitivity_analysis)
}
}

tar_map_rep_raw  Dynamic batched replication within static branches for data frames
(raw version).

Description
Define targets for batched replication within static branches for data frames (raw version).
This function is like tar_map_rep() except the name argument is a character string and the names
and columns arguments are language objects.

Usage
tar_map_rep_raw(
  name,
  command,
  values = NULL,
  names = NULL,
  descriptions = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  columns = quote(tidyselect::everything()),
  batches = 1,
  reps = 1,
  rep_workers = 1,
  combine = TRUE,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name

Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command

Language object, R code for a single replicate. Must return a data frame.

values

Named list or data frame with values to iterate over. The names are the names of symbols in the commands and pattern statements, and the elements are values that get substituted in place of those symbols. tar_map() uses these elements to create new R code, so they should be basic types, symbols, or R expressions. For objects even a little bit complicated, especially objects with attributes, it is not obvious how to convert the object into code that generates it. For complicated objects, consider using quote() when you define values, as shown at https://github.com/ropensci/tarchetypes/discussions/105.

names

Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to use to construct statically branched target names. If NULL, then short names are automatically generated.

descriptions

Names of a column in values to append to the custom description of each generated target. The value of descriptions should be a tidyselect expression such as a call to any_of() or starts_with().

columns

Language object with a tidyselect expression to select which columns of values to append to the output. Columns already in the target output are not appended.
batches Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during `tar_make()`.

reps Number of replications in each batch. The total number of replications is `batches * reps`.

rep_workers Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

combine Logical of length 1, whether to statically combine all the results into a single target downstream.

tidy_eval Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to the `command` argument.

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Character of length 1, storage format of the output. An efficient data frame format like "feather" is recommended, but the default is "rds" to avoid incurring extra package dependencies. See the help file of `targets::tar_target()` for details on storage formats.

repository Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the `endpoint` argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

torch_error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless `storage` is "worker", in which case
targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources
Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
"none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Value
A list of new target objects. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects
Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

Replicate-specific seeds
In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why tar_rep() and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, tar_option_get("seed") (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...) produces the same numerical output as tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...) (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are tar_map2_rep(), tar_map2_size(), and tar_render_rep(). For the tar_map2_*() functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the command1 argument and then invoke them in your custom code for command2 (set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed()). For tar_render_rep(), custom seeds can be supplied to the params argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with tar_quarto_rep() and the execute_params argument.
See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      # Just a sketch of a Bayesian sensitivity analysis of hyperparameters:
      assess_hyperparameters <- function(sigma1, sigma2) {
        # data <- simulate_random_data() # user-defined function
        # run_model(data, sigma1, sigma2) # user-defined function
        # Mock output from the model:
        posterior_samples <- stats::rnorm(1000, 0, sigma1 + sigma2)
        tibble::tibble(
          posterior_median = median(posterior_samples),
          posterior_quantile_0.025 = quantile(posterior_samples, 0.025),
          posterior_quantile_0.975 = quantile(posterior_samples, 0.975)
        )
      }
      hyperparameters <- tibble::tibble(
        scenario = c("tight", "medium", "diffuse"),
        sigma1 = c(10, 50, 50),
        sigma2 = c(10, 5, 10)
      )
      tarchetypes::tar_map_rep_raw(  
        "sensitivity_analysis",
        command = quote(assess_hyperparameters(sigma1, sigma2)),
        values = hyperparameters,
        names = quote(tidyselect::any_of("scenario")),
        batches = 2,
        reps = 3
      )
    })
  targets::tar_make()
  targets::tar_read(sensitivity_analysis)
})
```

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**tar_plan**  
A *drake*-plan-like pipeline archetype

**Description**

Simplify target specification in pipelines.
Usage

```
tar_plan(...)```

Arguments

```
... Named and unnamed targets. All named targets must follow the drake-plan-like
target = command syntax, and all unnamed arguments must be explicit calls to
create target objects, e.g. tar_target(), target archetypes like `tar_render()`,
or similar.
```

Details

```
Allows targets with just targets and commands to be written in the pipeline as target = command
instead of tar_target(target, command). Also supports ordinary target objects if they are un-
named. `tar_plan(x = 1, y = 2, tar_target(z, 3), tar_render(r, "r.Rmd"))` is equivalent to
list(tar_target(x, 1), tar_target(y, 2), tar_target(z, 3), tar_render(r, "r.Rmd")).#
```

Value

```
A list of `tar_target()` objects. See the "Target objects" section for background.
```

Target objects

```
Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists
of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described
ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis
pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories
explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specifica-
tion at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition
of target objects.
```

Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      tar_plan(
        tarchetypes::tar_fst_tbl(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26))),
        means = colMeans(data) # No need for tar_target() for simple cases.
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
})
```
**tar_quarto**  
*Target with a Quarto project.*

**Description**

Shorthand to include a Quarto project in a targets pipeline.

**Usage**

```r
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  tar_quarto(
    name,
    path = ".",  
    working_directory = NULL,  
    extra_files = character(0),  
    execute = TRUE,  
    execute_params = list(),  
    cache = NULL,  
    cache_refresh = FALSE,  
    debug = FALSE,  
    quiet = TRUE,  
    quarto_args = NULL,  
    pandoc_args = NULL,  
    profile = NULL,  
    tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),  
    packages = NULL,  
    library = NULL,  
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),  
    memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),  
    garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),  
    deployment = "main",  
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),  
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),  
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),  
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),  
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
  )
```

**Arguments**

- **name**: Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even
dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can re-
cover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

**path**

Character of length 1, either the single *.qmd source file to be rendered or a
directory containing a Quarto project. Defaults to the working directory of the
targets pipeline. Passed directly to the input argument of `quarto::quarto_render()`.

**working_directory**

Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when
running the report. The default is `NULL`, which runs the report from the current
working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in
the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than `NULL`, you must manually
set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls
to `tar_read()` and `tar_load()` in the report. Otherwise, these functions will
not know where to find the data.

**extra_files**

Character vector of extra files and directories to track for changes. The target
will be invalidated (rerun on the next `tar_make()`) if the contents of these files
changes. No need to include anything already in the output of `tar_quarto_files()`,
the list of file dependencies automatically detected through `quarto::quarto_inspect()`.

**execute**

Whether to execute embedded code chunks.

**execute_params**

Code, cannot be `NULL`. `execute_params` evaluates to a named list of parameters
for parameterized Quarto documents. These parameters override the custom
custom elements of the `params` list in the YAML front-matter of the Quarto
source files. The list is quoted (not evaluated until the target runs) so that up-
stream targets can serve as parameter values.

**cache**

Cache execution output (uses knitr cache and jupyter-cache respectively for Rmd
and Jupyter input files).

**cache_refresh**

Force refresh of execution cache.

**debug**

Leave intermediate files in place after render.

**quiet**

Suppress warning and other messages.

**quarto_args**

Character vector of other `quarto` CLI flag pass to the command. This is mainly
for advanced usage, e.g it can be useful for new options added to `quarto` CLI and
not yet supported as function argument.

**pandoc_args**

Additional command line options to pass to pandoc.

**profile**

Character of length 1, Quarto profile. If `NULL`, the default profile will be used.
Requires Quarto version 1.2 or higher. See `https://quarto.org/docs/projects/
profiles.html` for details.

**tidy_eval**

Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern.
If `TRUE`, you can use the "bang-bang" operator `!!` to programmatically insert the
values of global objects.

**packages**

Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output
data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set pack-
ages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

**library**

Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.
error

Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

• "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
• "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
• "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
• "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory

Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection

Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources

Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

retrieval

Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue

An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest()
and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

tar_quarto() is an alternative to tar_target() for Quarto projects and standalone Quarto source documents that depend on upstream targets. The Quarto R source documents (*.qmd and *.Rmd files) should mention dependency targets with tar_load() and tar_read() in the active R code chunks (which also allows you to render the project outside the pipeline if the _targets/ data store already exists). (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.) Then, tar_quarto() defines a special kind of target. It 1. Finds all the tar_load()/tar_read() dependencies in the R source reports and inserts them into the target’s command. This enforces the proper dependency relationships. (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.) 2. Sets format = "file" (see tar_target()) so targets watches the files at the returned paths and reruns the report if those files change. 3. Configures the target’s command to return both the output rendered files and the input dependency files (such as Quarto source documents). All these file paths are relative paths so the project stays portable. 4. Forces the report to run in the user’s current working directory instead of the working directory of the report. 5. Sets convenient default options such as deployment = "main" in the target and quiet = TRUE in quarto::quarto_render().

Value

A target object with format = "file". When this target runs, it returns a character vector of file paths: the rendered documents, the Quarto source files, and other input and output files. The output files are determined by the YAML front-matter of standalone Quarto documents and _quarto.yml in Quarto projects, and you can see these files with tar_quarto_files() (powered by quarto::quarto_inspect()). All returned paths are relative paths to ensure portability (so that the project can be moved from one file system to another without invalidating the target). See the "Target objects" section for background.

Quarto troubleshooting

If you encounter difficult errors, please read https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-r/issues/16. In addition, please try to reproduce the error using quarto::quarto_render("your_report.qmd", execute_dir = getwd()) without using targets at all. Isolating errors this way makes them much easier to solve.

Literate programming limitations

Literate programming files are messy and variable, so functions like tar_render() have limitations: * Child documents are not tracked for changes. * Upstream target dependencies are not detected if tar_read() and/or tar_load() are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. tar_load("x") and tar_load(contains("x")) may not detect target x. * Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases. * tar_render() and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.
Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

See Also

Other Literate programming targets: tar_knit(), tar_knit_raw(), tar_quarto_raw(), tar_quarto_rep(), tar_quarto_rep_raw(), tar_render(), tar_render_raw(), tar_render_rep(), tar_render_rep_raw()

Examples

if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    # Unparameterized Quarto document:
    lines <- c(
      "---",
      "title: report.qmd source file",
      "output_format: html",
      "---",
      "Assume these lines are in report.qmd.",
      "```r",
      "targets::tar_read(data)",
      "```"
    )
    writeLines(lines, "report.qmd")
    # Include the report in a pipeline as follows.
    targets::tar_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
        tar_quarto(report, path = "report.qmd")
      ), ask = FALSE
    })
  # Then, run the pipeline as usual.

  # Parameterized Quarto:
  lines <- c(
    "---",
    "title: 'report.qmd source file with parameters'",
    "output_format: html_document",
    "params:",
    "your_param: "default value",
    "---",
    "Assume these lines are in report.qmd."
  )
```r
"\\"(r)",
"print(params\$your_param)",
"
"
)
writeLines(lines, "report.qmd")
# Include the report in the pipeline as follows.
unlink("_targets.R") # In tar_dir(), not the user's file space.
targets::tar_script(
  library(tarchetypes)
  list(
    tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
    tar_quarto(
      report,
      path = "report.qmd",
      execute_params = list(your_param = data)
    )
  ), ask = FALSE)
)
# Then, run the pipeline as usual.
}
```

---

**tar_quarto_files**  
*Quarto file detection*

**Description**

Detect the important files in a Quarto project.

**Usage**

```r
tar_quarto_files(path = ".", profile = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **path**: Character of length 1, either the file path to a Quarto source document or the directory path to a Quarto project. Defaults to the Quarto project in the current working directory.

- **profile**: Character of length 1, Quarto profile. If NULL, the default profile will be used. Requires Quarto version 1.2 or higher. See https://quarto.org/docs/projects/profiles.html for details.

**Details**

This function is just a thin wrapper that interprets the output of quarto::quarto_inspect() and returns what tarchetypes needs to know about the current Quarto project or document.
A named list of important file paths in a Quarto project or document:

- **sources**: source files with `tar_load()` or `tar_read()` target dependencies in R code chunks.
- **output**: output files that will be generated during `quarto::quarto_render()`.
- **input**: pre-existing files required to render the project or document, such as `_quarto.yml`.

### See Also

Other Literate programming utilities: `tar_knitr_deps()`, `tar_knitr_deps_expr()`

### Examples

```r
lines <- c(
  "---",
  "title: source file",
  "---",
  "Assume these lines are in report.qmd.",
  \{r\},
  "1 + 1",
  \n  \n"
)
path <- tempfile(fileext = ".qmd")
writeLines(lines, path)
# If Quarto is installed, run:
# tar_quarto_files(path)
```

## Description

Shorthand to include a Quarto project or standalone Quarto source document in a targets pipeline.

### Usage

```r
tar_quarto_raw(
  name,
  path = ".",
  working_directory = NULL,
  extra_files = character(0),
  execute = TRUE,
  execute_params = NULL,
  cache = NULL,
  cache_refresh = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE,
  quiet = TRUE,
  quarto_args = NULL,
)```
Arguments

name
Character of length 1, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(‘downstream_target’, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, ‘seed’) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

path
Character of length 1, either the single *.qmd source file to be rendered or a directory containing a Quarto project. Defaults to the working directory of the targets pipeline. Passed directly to the input argument of quarto::quarto_render().

working_directory
Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls to tar_read() and tar_load() in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

extra_files
Character vector of extra files and directories to track for changes. The target will be invalidated (rerun on the next tar_make()) if the contents of these files changes. No need to include anything already in the output of tar_quarto_files(), the list of file dependencies automatically detected through quarto::quarto_inspect().

execute
Whether to execute embedded code chunks.

execute_params
A non-expression language object (use quote(), not expression()) that evaluates to a named list of parameters for parameterized Quarto documents. These
parameters override the custom custom elements of the params list in the YAML front-matter of the Quarto source files. The list is quoted (not evaluated until the target runs) so that upstream targets can serve as parameter values.

cache
Cache execution output (uses knitr cache and jupyter-cache respectively for Rmd and Jupyter input files).

cache_refresh
Force refresh of execution cache.

debug
Leave intermediate files in place after render.

quiet
Suppress warning and other messages.

quarto_args
Character vector of other quarto CLI flag pass to the command. This is mainly for advanced usage, e.g. it can be useful for new options added to quarto CLI and not yet supported as function argument.

pandoc_args
Additional command line options to pass to pandoc.

profile
Character of length 1, Quarto profile. If NULL, the default profile will be used. Requires Quarto version 1.2 or higher. See https://quarto.org/docs/projects/profiles.html for details.

packages
Deprecated on 2023-09-05 (version 0.7.8.9000). Please load R packages inside the Quarto report itself.

library
Deprecated on 2023-09-05 (version 0.7.8.9000). Please load R packages inside the Quarto report itself.

error
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a
parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

**priority**

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

**resources**

Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

**retrieval**

Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

**cue**

An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

**description**

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

tar_quarto_raw() is just like tar_quarto() except that it uses standard evaluation for the name and execute_params arguments (instead of quoting them).

Value

A target object with format = "file". When this target runs, it returns a sorted character vector of all the important file paths: the rendered documents, the Quarto source files, and other input and output files. The output files are determined by the YAML front-matter of standalone Quarto documents and _quarto.yml in Quarto projects, and you can see these files with tar_quarto_files() (powered by quarto::quarto_inspect()). All returned paths are relative paths to ensure portability (so that the project can be moved from one file system to another without invalidating the target). See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects

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* Upstream target dependencies are not detected if `tar_read()` and/or `tar_load()` are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. `tar_load("x")` and `tar_load(contains("x"))` may not detect target x.
* Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases.
* `tar_render()` and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.

**Quarto troubleshooting**

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**See Also**

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_knit_raw()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_quarto_rep_raw()`, `tar_read()`, `tar_render()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep()`, `tar_render_rep_raw()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    # Unparameterized Quarto document:
    lines <- c(
      "---",
      "title: report.qmd source file",
      "output_format: html",
      "---",
      "Assume these lines are in report.qmd.",
      "\"\"\"(r)\"\"
      "targets::tar_read(data)",
      "\"\""
    )
    # In tar_dir(), not part of the user's file space:
    writeLines(lines, "report.qmd")
    # Include the report in a pipeline as follows.
    targets::tar_script(
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(  
        tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
        tar_quarto_raw("report", path = "report.qmd")
      )
    )
  }
```
Parameterized Quarto with dynamic branching.

Description

Targets to render a parameterized Quarto document with multiple sets of parameters.

Usage

tar_quarto_rep(
  name,
  path,
  working_directory = NULL,
  execute_params = data.frame(),
  batches = NULL,
  extra_files = character(0),
  ...)
execute = TRUE,
cache = NULL,
cache_refresh = FALSE,
debug = FALSE,
quiet = TRUE,
quarto_args = NULL,
pandoc_args = NULL,
rep_workers = 1,
tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

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<td><code>path</code></td>
<td>Character string, file path to the Quarto source file. Must have length 1.</td>
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<td><code>working_directory</code></td>
<td>Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is <code>NULL</code>, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than <code>NULL</code>, you must manually set the value of the <code>store</code> argument relative to the working directory in all calls to <code>tar_read()</code> and <code>tar_load()</code> in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.</td>
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batches Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during tar_make().

extra_files Character vector of extra files that targets should track for changes. If the content of one of these files changes, then the report will rerun over all the parameters on the next tar_make(). These files are extra files, and they do not include the Quarto source document or rendered output document, which are already tracked for changes. Examples include bibliographies, style sheets, and supporting image files.

eexecute Whether to execute embedded code chunks.

ccache Cache execution output (uses knitr cache and jupyter-cache respectively for Rmd and Jupyter input files).

cache_refresh Force refresh of execution cache.

ddebug Leave intermediate files in place after render.

quiet Suppress warning and other messages.

quarto_args Character vector of other quarto CLI flag pass to the command. This is mainly for advanced usage, e.g it can be useful for new options added to quarto CLI and not yet supported as function argument.

pandoc_args Additional command line options to pass to pandoc.

rep_workers Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

tidy_eval Logical of length 1, whether to use tidy evaluation to resolve execute_params. Similar to the tidy_eval argument of targets::tar_target().

packages Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the “Storage formats” section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

iteration Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

• "vector": branching happens with vectors::vec_slice() and aggregation happens with vctrs::vec_c().
- "list". Branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`. In the case of list iteration, `tar_read(your_target)` will return a list of lists, where the outer list has one element per batch and each inner list has one element per rep within batch. To un-batch this nested list, call `tar_read(your_target, recursive = FALSE).

- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a data frame. The target's return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error** Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory** Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection** Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment** Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority** Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources** Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**retrieval** Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.
description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details

`tar_quarto_rep()` is an alternative to `tar_target()` for a parameterized Quarto document that depends on other targets. Parameters must be given as a data frame with one row per rendered report and one column per parameter. An optional output_file column may be included to set the output file path of each rendered report. (See the `execute_params` argument for details.)

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Value

A list of target objects to render the Quarto reports. Changes to the parameters, source file, dependencies, etc. will cause the appropriate targets to rerun during `tar_make()`. See the "Target objects" section for background.

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Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why tar_rep() and friends give each replicate its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, tar_option_get("seed") (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...) produces the same numerical output as tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...) (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are tar_rep2(), tar_map_rep(), tar_map2_count(), tar_map2_size(), and tar_render_rep().

For the tar_map2_*() functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the command1 argument and then invoke them in your custom code for command2(set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed()). For tar_render_rep(), custom seeds can be supplied to the params argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with tar_quarto_rep() and the execute_params argument.

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Quarto troubleshooting

If you encounter difficult errors, please read https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-r/issues/16. In addition, please try to reproduce the error using quarto::quarto_render("your_report.qmd", execute_dir = getwd()) without using targets at all. Isolating errors this way makes them much easier to solve.

See Also

Other Literate programming targets: tar_knit(), tar_knit_raw(), tar_quarto(), tar_quarto_raw(), tar_quarto_rep_raw(), tar_render(), tar_render_raw(), tar_render_rep(), tar_render_rep_raw()
Parameterized Quarto with dynamic branching (raw version).

Description

Targets to render a parameterized Quarto document with multiple sets of parameters (raw version). Same as tar_quarto_rep() except name is a character string, params is an expression object, and extra arguments to quarto::quarto_render() are passed through the args argument instead of ...

Usage

tar_quarto_rep_raw(
  name,
  path,
  working_directory = NULL,
  execute_params = expression(NULL),
  batches = NULL,
  extra_files = character(0),
  execute = TRUE,
  cache = NULL,
cache_refresh = FALSE,
debug = FALSE,
quiet = TRUE,
quarto_args = NULL,
pandoc_args = NULL,
rep_workers = 1,
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

path Character string, file path to the Quarto source file. Must have length 1.
working_directory Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls to tar_read() and tar_load() in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

execute_params Expression object with code to generate a data frame or tibble with one row per rendered report and one column per Quarto parameter. You may also include an output_file column to specify the path of each rendered report. If included, the output_file column must be a character vector with one and
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Value

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Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why `tar_rep()` and friends give each `replicate` its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, `tar_option_get("seed")` (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and `rep-within-batch` index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...)` produces the same numerical output as `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...)` (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this
seed scheme are `tar_rep2()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_size()`, and `tar_render_rep()`. For the `tar_map2_*(.)` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the `command1` argument and then invoke them in your custom code for `command2(set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed())`. For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the `params` argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the `execute_params` argument.

### Literate programming limitations

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* Child documents are not tracked for changes.
* Upstream target dependencies are not detected if `tar_read()` and/or `tar_load()` are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. `tar_load("x")` and `tar_load(contains("x"))` may not detect target x.
* Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases.
* `tar_render()` and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.

### Quarto troubleshooting

If you encounter difficult errors, please read [https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-r/issues/16](https://github.com/quarto-dev/quarto-r/issues/16). In addition, please try to reproduce the error using `quarto::quarto_render("your_report.qmd", execute_dir = getwd())` without using targets at all. Isolating errors this way makes them much easier to solve.

### See Also

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_knit_raw()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_raw()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_render()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep()`, `tar_render_rep_raw()`

### Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
  # Parameterized Quarto:
  lines <- c(
    "---",
    "title: 'report.qmd source file'",
    "output_format: html_document",
    "params:",
    "par: "default value"",
    "---",
    "Assume these lines are in a file called report.qmd.",
    "\"\"(r)\"",
    "print(params$par)",
    "\"\"
  )
  writeLines(lines, "report.qmd") # In tar_dir(), not the user's file space.
  # The following pipeline will run the report for each row of params.
  targets::tar_script({
    library(tarchetypes)
    list(
```

Target with an R Markdown document.

Description

Shorthand to include an R Markdown document in a targets pipeline.

Usage

tar_render(
  name,
  path,
  output_file = NULL,
  working_directory = NULL,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = "main",
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  ...
)

Arguments

name  Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name
determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

`path` Character string, file path to the R Markdown source file. Must have length 1.

`output_file` Character string, file path to the rendered output file.

`working_directory` Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is `NULL`, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than `NULL`, you must manually set the value of the `store` argument relative to the working directory in all calls to `tar_read()` and `tar_load()` in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

`tidy_eval` Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If `TRUE`, you can use the "bang-bang" operator `!!` to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

`packages` Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

`library` Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

`error` Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

`memory` Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with `repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

`garbage_collection` Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.
deployment

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources

Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

retrieval

Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue

An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

quiet

An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc command line and others. To only suppress printing of the last "Output created: " message, you can set rmarkdown.render.message to FALSE.

... Named arguments to rmarkdown::render(). These arguments are evaluated when the target actually runs in tar_make(), not when the target is defined. That means, for example, you can use upstream targets as parameters of parameterized R Markdown reports. tar_render(your_target, "your_report.Rmd", params = list(your_param = your_target)) # nolint will run rmarkdown::render("your_report.Rmd", params = list(your_param = your_target)). # nolint For parameterized reports, it is recommended to supply a distinct output_file argument to each tar_render() call and set useful defaults for parameters in the R Markdown source. See the examples section for a demonstration.

Details


tar_render() is an alternative to tar_target() for R Markdown reports that depend on other targets. The R Markdown source should mention dependency targets with tar_load() and tar_read() in the active code chunks (which also allows you to render the report outside the pipeline if the _targets/ data store already exists). (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.)
Then, `tar_render()` defines a special kind of target. It finds all the `tar_load()`/`tar_read()` dependencies in the report and inserts them into the target’s command. This enforces the proper dependency relationships. (Do not use `tar_load_raw()` or `tar_read_raw()` for this.) 2. Sets format = “file” (see `tar_target()`) so targets watches the files at the returned paths and reruns the report if those files change. 3. Configures the target’s command to return both the output report files and the input source file. All these file paths are relative paths so the project stays portable. 4. Forces the report to run in the user’s current working directory instead of the working directory of the report. 5. Sets convenient default options such as `deployment = "main"` in the target and `quiet = TRUE` in `rmarkdown::render()`.

**Value**

A target object with format = “file”. When this target runs, it returns a character vector of file paths: the rendered document, the source file, and then the *_files/ directory if it exists. Unlike `rmarkdown::render()`, all returned paths are relative paths to ensure portability (so that the project can be moved from one file system to another without invalidating the target). See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Literate programming limitations**

Literate programming files are messy and variable, so functions like `tar_render()` have limitations: * Child documents are not tracked for changes. * Upstream target dependencies are not detected if `tar_read()` and/or `tar_load()` are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. `tar_load("x")` and `tar_load(contains("x"))` may not detect target `x`. * Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases. * `tar_render()` and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.

**Target objects**

Most `tarchetypes` functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/). Please read the walkthrough at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html) to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, [https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories](https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories) explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at [https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/](https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/) details the structure and composition of target objects.

**See Also**

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_knit_raw()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_raw()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_quarto_rep_raw()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep()`, `tar_render_rep_raw()`

**Examples**

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
```
# Unparameterized R Markdown:
lines <- c(
    "---",
    "title: report.Rmd source file",
    "output_format: html_document",
    "---",
    "Assume these lines are in report.Rmd.",
    "\``(r)`",
    "targets::tar_read(data)",
    "\\\``"
)

# Include the report in a pipeline as follows.
targets::tar_script(
  library(tarchetypes)
  list(
    tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
    tar_render(report, "report.Rmd")
  ), ask = FALSE)

# Then, run the targets pipeline as usual.

# Parameterized R Markdown:
lines <- c(
    "---",
    "title: 'report.Rmd source file with parameters'",
    "output_format: html_document",
    "params:",
    "your_param: \"default value\"",
    "---",
    "Assume these lines are in report.Rmd.",
    "\``(r)`",
    "\texttt{print(params$your_param)}",
    "\\\``"
)

# Include the report in the pipeline as follows.
targets::tar_script(
  library(tarchetypes)
  list(
    tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
    tar_render(report, "report.Rmd", params = list(your_param = data))
  ), ask = FALSE)

# Then, run the targets pipeline as usual.

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**tar_render_raw**

*Target with an R Markdown document (raw version).*

**Description**

Shorthand to include an R Markdown document in a targets pipeline (raw version)
Usage

```r
tar_render_raw(
    name,
    path,
    output_file = NULL,
    working_directory = NULL,
    packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
    library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
    error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
    deployment = "main",
    priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
    resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
    retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
    cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
    description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
    quiet = TRUE,
    render_arguments = quote(list())
)
```

Arguments

- **name**: Character of length 1, name of the target.
- **path**: Character string, file path to the R Markdown source file. Must have length 1.
- **output_file**: Character string, file path to the rendered output file.
- **working_directory**: Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the `store` argument relative to the working directory in all calls to `tar_read()` and `tar_load()` in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.
- **packages**: Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.
- **library**: Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.
- **error**: Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
  - "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
  - "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
  - "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
  - "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.
deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

resources Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target's dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from `tar_cue()` to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like `tar_manifest()` and `tar_visnetwork()`, and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like `tar_make()`. For example, `tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model")))` lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

quiet An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc command line and others. To only suppress printing of the last "Output created: " message, you can set `rmarkdown.render.message` to FALSE.

render_arguments Optional language object with a list of named arguments to `rmarkdown::render()`. Cannot be an expression object. (Use `quote()`, not `expression()`.) The reason for quoting is that these arguments may depend on upstream targets whose values are not available at the time the target is defined, and because `tar_render_raw()` is the "raw" version of a function, we want to avoid all non-standard evaluation.

Details

`tar_render_raw()` is just like `tar_render()` except that it uses standard evaluation. The name argument is a character vector, and the `render_arguments` argument is a language object.

Value

A target object with `format = "file"`. When this target runs, it returns a character vector of file paths: the rendered document, the source file, and then the `_files/` directory if it exists. Unlike
Target objects

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See Also

Other Literate programming targets: tar_knit(), tar_knit_raw(), tar_quarto(), tar_quarto_raw(), tar_quarto_rep(), tar_quarto_rep_raw(), tar_render(), tar_render_rep(), tar_render_rep_raw()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    # Unparameterized R Markdown report:
    lines <- c(
      "---",
      "title: 'report.Rmd source file'",
      "output_format: html_document",
      "---",
      "Assume these lines are in report.Rmd.",
      "```r",
      "targets::tar_read(data)",
      "```"
    )
    # Include the report in the pipeline as follows:
    targets::tar_script({
      library(tarchetypes)
      list(
        tar_target(data, data.frame(x = seq_len(26), y = letters)),
```
Parameterized R Markdown with dynamic branching.

**Description**

Targets to render a parameterized R Markdown report with multiple sets of parameters.

**Usage**

```r
 tar_render_rep(
   name,
   path,
   working_directory = NULL,
   params = data.frame(),
   batches = NULL,
   rep_workers = 1,
   }
```
packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
quiet = TRUE,
...)

Arguments

name Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target)) is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with tar_meta(your_target, seed) and run tar_seed_set() on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

path Character string, file path to the R Markdown source file. Must have length 1.

working_directory Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls to tar_read() and tar_load() in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

params Code to generate a data frame or tibble with one row per rendered report and one column per R Markdown parameter. You may also include an output_file column to specify the path of each rendered report. This params argument is converted into the command for a target that supplies the R Markdown parameters.

batches Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during tar_make().
rep_workers  Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

packages  Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use tar_option_set() to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library  Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format  Optional storage format for the target's return value. With the exception of format = "file", each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

iteration  Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with vectors::vec_slice() and aggregation happens with vctrs::vec_c().
- "list", branching happens with [[ ]] and aggregation happens with list().
  In the case of list iteration, tar_read(your_target) will return a list of lists, where the outer list has one element per batch and each inner list has one element per rep within batch. To un-batch this nested list, call tar_read(your_target, recursive = FALSE).
- "group": dplyr::group_by()-like functionality to branch over subsets of a data frame. The target's return value must be a data frame with a special tar_group column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the tar_group() function to see how you can create the special tar_group column with dplyr::group_by().

error  Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory  Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.
garbage_collection

Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources

Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

retrieval

Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target's dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
- "worker": the worker loads the target's dependencies.
- "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue

An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description

Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

quiet

An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc command line and others. To only suppress printing of the last "Output created: " message, you can set rmarkdown::render.message to FALSE

... Other named arguments to rmarkdown::render(). Unlike tar_render(), these arguments are evaluated when the target is defined, not when it is run. (The only reason to delay evaluation in tar_render() was to handle R Markdown parameters, and tar_render_rep() handles them differently.)

Details

tar_render_rep() is an alternative to tar_target() for parameterized R Markdown reports that depend on other targets. Parameters must be given as a data frame with one row per rendered report and one column per parameter. An optional output_file column may be included to set the output file path of each rendered report. The R Markdown source should mention other dependency targets tar_load() and tar_read() in the active code chunks (which also allows you to render the report outside the pipeline if the _targets/ data store already exists and appropriate defaults are specified for the parameters). (Do not use tar_load_raw() or tar_read_raw() for this.)
Then, `tar_render()` defines a special kind of target. It 1. Finds all the `tar_load()`/`tar_read()` dependencies in the report and inserts them into the target's command. This enforces the proper dependency relationships. (Do not use `tar_load_raw()` or `tar_read_raw()` for this.) 2. Sets `format = "file"` (see `tar_target()`) so `targets` watches the files at the returned paths and re-runs the report if those files change. 3. Configures the target's command to return the output report files: the rendered document, the source file, and then the *_files/ directory if it exists. All these file paths are relative paths so the project stays portable. 4. Forces the report to run in the user's current working directory instead of the working directory of the report. 5. Sets convenient default options such as `deployment = "main"` in the target and `quiet = TRUE` in `rmarkdown::render()`.

**Value**

A list of target objects to render the R Markdown reports. Changes to the parameters, source file, dependencies, etc. will cause the appropriate targets to rerun during `tar_make()`. See the "Target objects" section for background.

**Target objects**

Most `tarchetypes` functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

For developers, https://wlandau.github.io/targetopia/contributing.html#target-factories explains target factories (functions like this one which generate targets) and the design specification at https://books.ropensci.org/targets-design/ details the structure and composition of target objects.

**Replicate-specific seeds**

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why `tar_rep()` and friends give each `replicate` its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, `tar_option_get("seed")` (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...)` produces the same numerical output as `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...)` (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are `tar_rep2()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_size()`, and `tar_render_rep()`. For the `tar_map2_*( )` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the `command1` argument and then invoke them in your custom code for `command2(set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed())`. For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the `params` argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the `execute_params` argument.
Literate programming limitations

Literate programming files are messy and variable, so functions like `tar_render()` have limitations:
* Child documents are not tracked for changes.
* Upstream target dependencies are not detected if `tar_read()` and/or `tar_load()` are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. `tar_load("x")` and `tar_load(contains("x"))` may not detect target `x`.
* Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases.
* `tar_render()` and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.

See Also

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_knit_raw()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_raw()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_quarto_rep_raw()`, `tar_render()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    # Parameterized R Markdown:
    lines <- c(
      "---",
      "title: 'report.Rmd file'",
      "output_format: html_document",
      "params:",
      "  par: "default value",
      "---",
      "Assume these lines are in a file called report.Rmd.",
      "\"{r}\",
      "print(params$par)",
      "\n"
    )
  # The following pipeline will run the report for each row of params.
  targets::tar_script({
    library(tarchetypes)
    list(
      tar_render_rep(
        report,
        "report.Rmd",
        params = tibble::tibble(par = c(1, 2))
      )
    ), ask = FALSE)
  # Then, run the targets pipeline as usual.
  })
}
```

Parameterized R Markdown with dynamic branching (raw version).
Description

Targets to render a parameterized R Markdown report with multiple sets of parameters (raw version). Same as `tar_render_rep()` except `name` is a character string, `params` is an expression object, and extra arguments to `rmarkdown::render()` are passed through the `args` argument instead of `...`.

Usage

```r
tar_render_rep_raw(
  name,
  path,
  working_directory = NULL,
  params = expression(NULL),
  batches = NULL,
  rep_workers = 1,
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  args = list()
)
```

Arguments

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<th>Argument</th>
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<td><code>name</code></td>
<td>Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. <code>tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))</code> is a target named downstream_target which depends on a target upstream_target and a function f(). In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with <code>tar_meta(your_target, seed)</code> and run <code>tar_seed_set()</code> on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.</td>
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<td><code>path</code></td>
<td>Character string, file path to the R Markdown source file. Must have length 1.</td>
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working_directory
Optional character string, path to the working directory to temporarily set when running the report. The default is NULL, which runs the report from the current working directory at the time the pipeline is run. This default is recommended in the vast majority of cases. To use anything other than NULL, you must manually set the value of the store argument relative to the working directory in all calls to `tar_read()` and `tar_load()` in the report. Otherwise, these functions will not know where to find the data.

params
Expression object with code to generate a data frame or tibble with one row per rendered report and one column per R Markdown parameter. You may also include an output_file column to specify the path of each rendered report. R Markdown parameters must not be named `tar_group` or `output_file`. This params argument is converted into the command for a target that supplies the R Markdown parameters.

batches
Number of batches to group the R Markdown files. For a large number of reports, increase the number of batches to decrease target-level overhead. Defaults to the number of reports to render (1 report per batch).

rep_workers
Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

packages
Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library
Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format
Character of length 1, `format` argument to `tar_target()` to store the data frame of R Markdown parameters.

iteration
Character of length 1, `iteration` argument to `tar_target()` for the R Markdown documents. Does not apply to the target with R Markdown parameters (whose iteration is always "group").

error
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory
Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory
strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection
Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment
Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority
Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources
Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

retrieval
Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue
An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description
Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

quiet
An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc command line and others. To only suppress printing of the last "Output created: " message, you can set rmarkdown::render.message to FALSE.

args
Named list of other arguments to rmarkdown::render(). Must not include params or output_file. Evaluated when the target is defined.

Details

tar_render_rep_raw() is an alternative to tar_target_raw() for parameterized R Markdown reports that depend on other targets. Parameters must be given as a data frame with one row per rendered report and one column per parameter. An optional output_file column may be included to set the output file path of each rendered report. The R Markdown source should mention other dependency targets tar_load() and tar_read() in the active code chunks (which also allows you to
render the report outside the pipeline if the _targets/_data store already exists and appropriate defaults are specified for the parameters. (Do not use `tar_load_raw()` or `tar_read_raw()` for this.) Then, `tar_render()` defines a special kind of target. It 1. Finds all the `tar_load()`/`tar_read()` dependencies in the report and inserts them into the target’s command. This enforces the proper dependency relationships. (Do not use `tar_load_raw()` or `tar_read_raw()` for this.) 2. Sets format = ”file” (see `tar_target()`) so targets watches the files at the returned paths and re-runs the report if those files change. 3. Configures the target’s command to return the output report files: the rendered document, the source file, and then the *_files/ directory if it exists. All these file paths are relative paths so the project stays portable. 4. Forces the report to run in the user’s current working directory instead of the working directory of the report. 5. Sets convenient default options such as `deployment = "main"` in the target and `quiet = TRUE` in `rmarkdown::render()`.

Value

A list of target objects to render the R Markdown reports. Changes to the parameters, source file, dependencies, etc. will cause the appropriate targets to rerun during `tar_make()`. See the ”Target objects” section for background.

Target objects

Most tarchetypes functions are target factories, which means they return target objects or lists of target objects. Target objects represent skippable steps of the analysis pipeline as described at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/. Please read the walkthrough at https://books.ropensci.org/targets/walkthrough.html to understand the role of target objects in analysis pipelines.

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Replicate-specific seeds

In ordinary pipelines, each target has its own unique deterministic pseudo-random number generator seed derived from its target name. In batched replicate, however, each batch is a target with multiple replicate within that batch. That is why `tar_rep()` and friends give each `replicate` its own unique seed. Each replicate-specific seed is created based on the dynamic parent target name, `tar_option_get("seed")` (for targets version 0.13.5.9000 and above), batch index, and rep-within-batch index. The seed is set just before the replicate runs. Replicate-specific seeds are invariant to batching structure. In other words, `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 100, reps = 1, ...)` produces the same numerical output as `tar_rep(name = x, command = rnorm(1), batches = 10, reps = 10, ...)` (but with different batch names). Other target factories with this seed scheme are `tar_rep2()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_size()`, and `tar_render_rep()`. For the `tar_map2_*()` functions, it is possible to manually supply your own seeds through the command1 argument and then invoke them in your custom code for command2 (set.seed(), withr::with_seed, or withr::local_seed()). For `tar_render_rep()`, custom seeds can be supplied to the params argument and then invoked in the individual R Markdown reports. Likewise with `tar_quarto_rep()` and the execute_params argument.
Literate programming limitations

Literate programming files are messy and variable, so functions like `tar_render()` have limitations: * Child documents are not tracked for changes. * Upstream target dependencies are not detected if `tar_read()` and/or `tar_load()` are called from a user-defined function. In addition, single target names must be mentioned and they must be symbols. `tar_load("x")` and `tar_load(contains("x"))` may not detect target `x`. * Special/optional input/output files may not be detected in all cases. * `tar_render()` and friends are for local files only. They do not integrate with the cloud storage capabilities of targets.

See Also

Other Literate programming targets: `tar_knit()`, `tar_knit_raw()`, `tar_quarto()`, `tar_quarto_raw()`, `tar_quarto_rep()`, `tar_quarto_rep_raw()`, `tar_render()`, `tar_render_raw()`, `tar_render_rep()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({
    title: 'report.Rmd source file',
    output_format: html_document,
    params:
      par: "default value",
  })

  # Parameterized R Markdown:
  lines <- c(
    "---",
    "title: 'report.Rmd source file'",
    "output_format: html_document",
    "params:",
    "  par: \"default value\"",
    "---",
    "Assume these lines are in a file called report.Rmd.",
    "\\{r}",
    "print(params$par)",
    "\\\"
  )

  # The following pipeline will run the report for each row of params.
  targets::tar_script({
    library(tarchetypes)
    list(
      tar_render_rep_raw(
        "report",
        "report.Rmd",
        params = quote(tibble::tibble(par = c(1, 2)))
      )
    }, ask = FALSE)
  }
  # Then, run the targets pipeline as usual.
}
```

```r

---
Batched replication with dynamic branching.
---
```
Description

Batching is important for optimizing the efficiency of heavily dynamically-branched workflows: https://books.ropensci.org/targets/dynamic.html#batching. \texttt{tar_rep()} replicates a command in strategically sized batches.

Usage

\begin{verbatim}
tar_rep(
  name, 
  command, 
  batches = 1, 
  reps = 1, 
  rep_workers = 1, 
  tidy_eval = \texttt{tar_option_get("tidy_eval")}, 
  packages = \texttt{tar_option_get("packages")}, 
  library = \texttt{tar_option_get("library")}, 
  format = \texttt{tar_option_get("format")}, 
  repository = \texttt{tar_option_get("repository")}, 
  iteration = \texttt{tar_option_get("iteration")}, 
  error = \texttt{tar_option_get("error")}, 
  memory = \texttt{tar_option_get("memory")}, 
  garbage_collection = \texttt{tar_option_get("garbage_collection")}, 
  deployment = \texttt{tar_option_get("deployment")}, 
  priority = \texttt{tar_option_get("priority")}, 
  resources = \texttt{tar_option_get("resources")}, 
  storage = \texttt{tar_option_get("storage")}, 
  retrieval = \texttt{tar_option_get("retrieval")}, 
  cue = \texttt{tar_option_get("cue")}, 
  description = \texttt{tar_option_get("description")}
)
\end{verbatim}

Arguments

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{name} \hspace{1cm} Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in \texttt{R}, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. \texttt{tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))} is a target named \texttt{downstream_target} which depends on a target \texttt{upstream_target} and a function \texttt{f()}. In addition, a target's name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with \texttt{tar_meta(your_target, seed)} and run \texttt{tar_seed_set()} on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.
  \item \texttt{command} \hspace{1cm} R code to run multiple times. Must return a list or data frame because \texttt{tar_rep()} will try to append new elements/columns \texttt{tar_batch} and \texttt{tar_rep} to the output to denote the batch and rep-within-batch IDs, respectively.
\end{itemize}
**batches**

Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during `tar_make()`.

**reps**

Number of replications in each batch. The total number of replications is `batches * reps`.

**rep_workers**

Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

**tidy_eval**

Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to the `command` argument.

**packages**

Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

**library**

Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

**format**

Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of `format = "file"`, each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

**repository**

Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**iteration**

Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list": branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`. In the case of list iteration, `tar_read(your_target)` will return a list of lists, where the outer list has one element per batch and each inner list has one element per rep within batch. To un-batch this nested list, call `tar_read(your_target, recursive = FALSE)`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a data frame. The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.
Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
- "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
- "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic
files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the
data store from inside the target.
The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format =
"file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically
try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary,
storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future().
Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent
to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never
recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be
loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether
the target is up to date.
description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the
target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and
tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names
argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names =
tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets
whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_rep() and tar_rep_raw() each create two targets: an upstream local stem with an integer
vector of batch ids, and a downstream pattern that maps over the batch ids. (Thus, each batch is a
branch.) Each batch/branch replicates the command a certain number of times. If the command re-
turns a list or data frame, then the targets from tar_rep() will try to append new elements/columns
tar_batch, tar_rep, and tar_seed to the output to denote the batch, rep-within-batch index, and
rep-specific seed, respectively.

Both batches and reps within each batch are aggregated according to the method you specify in the
iteration argument. If "list", reps and batches are aggregated with list(). If "vector", then
vctrs::vec_c(). If "group", then vctrs::vec_rbind().

Value
A list of two targets, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream target returns a numeric
index of batch ids, and the downstream one dynamically maps over the batch ids to run the command
multiple times. If the command returns a list or data frame, then the targets from tar_rep() will
try to append new elements/columns tar_batch and tar_rep to the output to denote the batch and
rep-within-batch IDs, respectively. See the "Target objects" section for background.
tar_read(your_target) (on the downstream target with the actual work) will return a list of lists,
where the outer list has one element per batch and each inner list has one element per rep within
batch. To un-batch this nested list, call tar_read(your_target, recursive = FALSE).
Replicate-specific seeds

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Target objects

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See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_rep(
          x,
          data.frame(x = sample.int(1e4, 2)),
          batches = 2,
          reps = 3
        )
      )
    })
  })
}
Dynamic batched computation downstream of `tar_rep()`

**Description**

Batching is important for optimizing the efficiency of heavily dynamically-branched workflows: [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/dynamic.html#batching](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/dynamic.html#batching). `tar_rep2()` uses dynamic branching to iterate over the batches and reps of existing upstream targets.

**Usage**

```r
.tar_rep2(
  name,
  command,
  ...
  rep_workers = 1,
  tidy_eval = .tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = .tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = .tar_option_get("library"),
  format = .tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = .tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = .tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = .tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = .tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = .tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = .tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = .tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = .tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = .tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = .tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = .tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = .tar_option_get("description")
)
```

**Arguments**

- **name**: Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with \texttt{tar\_meta(your\_target, seed)} and run \texttt{tar\_seed\_set()} on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

\textbf{command} \hspace{2cm} R code to run the target.

... Symbols to name one or more upstream batched targets created by \texttt{tar\_rep()}. If you supply more than one such target, all those targets must have the same number of batches and reps per batch. And they must all return either data frames or lists. List targets must use \texttt{iteration = "list"} in \texttt{tar\_rep()}.  

\textbf{rep\_workers} \hspace{2cm} Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

\textbf{tidy\_eval} \hspace{2cm} Logical, whether to enable tidy evaluation when interpreting command and pattern. If TRUE, you can use the "bang-bang" operator !! to programmatically insert the values of global objects.

\textbf{packages} \hspace{2cm} Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use \texttt{tar\_option\_set()} to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

\textbf{library} \hspace{2cm} Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

\textbf{format} \hspace{2cm} Optional storage format for the target's return value. With the exception of \texttt{format = "file"}, each target gets a file in _targets/objects, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

\textbf{repository} \hspace{2cm} Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of \texttt{tar\_resources\_aws()}, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html} for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of \url{https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html} for details for instructions.

Note: if \texttt{repository} is not "local" and \texttt{format} is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

\textbf{iteration} \hspace{2cm} Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with \texttt{vctrs::vec\_slice()} and aggregation happens with \texttt{vctrs::vec\_c()}.
- "list", branching happens with \texttt{[[[]]} and aggregation happens with \texttt{list()}. 
• "group": dplyr::group_by()-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of tar_target() must be left NULL). The target's return value must be a data frame with a special tar_group column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the tar_group() function to see how you can create the special tar_group column with dplyr::group_by().

error Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
• "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
• "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
• "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
• "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

memory Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

garbage_collection Logical, whether to run base::gc() just before the target runs.

deployment Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

priority Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in tar_make_future()).

resources Object returned by tar_resources() with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See tar_resources() for details.

storage Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target's return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the targets dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.

description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Value
A new target object to perform batched computation. See the "Target objects" section for background.

Target objects
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Replicate-specific seeds

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See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`, `tar_rep_raw()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_rep(
          data1,
          data.frame(value = rnorm(1)),
          batches = 2,
          reps = 3
        ),
        tarchetypes::tar_rep(
          data2,
          list(value = rnorm(1)),
          batches = 2, reps = 3,
          iteration = "list" # List iteration is important for batched lists.
        ),
        tarchetypes::tar_rep2(
          aggregate,
          data.frame(value = data1$value + data2$value),
          data1,
          data2
        )
      )
    })
  })
  targets::tar_make()
}```
Batched replication with dynamic branching (raw version).

### Description

Batching is important for optimizing the efficiency of heavily dynamically-branched workflows: [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/dynamic.html#batching](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/dynamic.html#batching). `tar_rep_raw()` is just like `tar_rep()` except the name is a character string and the command is a language object.

### Usage

```r
tar_rep_raw(
  name,
  command,
  batches = 1,
  reps = 1,
  rep_workers = 1,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
```

### Arguments

- **name**
  - Character of length 1, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with
a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target's initial RNG state.

**command**
Expression object with code to run multiple times. Must return a list or data frame when evaluated.

**batches**
Number of batches. This is also the number of dynamic branches created during `tar_make()`.

**reps**
Number of replications in each batch. The total number of replications is `batches * reps`.

**rep_workers**
Positive integer of length 1, number of local R processes to use to run reps within batches in parallel. If 1, then reps are run sequentially within each batch. If greater than 1, then reps within batch are run in parallel using a PSOCK cluster.

**tidy_eval**
Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to the `command` argument.

**packages**
Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

**library**
Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

**format**
Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of `format = "file"`, each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the “Storage formats” section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

**repository**
Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the endpoint argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/data.html) for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

**iteration**
Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list", branching happens with `[[[]]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For iteration = "group", the target must not by dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left NULL). The target's return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error**

Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:

- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html) to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns NULL. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**

Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. format = "file" with repository = "aws"), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**

Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment**

Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit [https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html](https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html).

**priority**

Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources**

Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**storage**

Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:

- "main": the target's return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none").

If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
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cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.
description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_rep_raw() creates two targets: an upstream local stem with an integer vector of batch ids, and a downstream pattern that maps over the batch ids. (Thus, each batch is a branch.) Each batch/branch replicates the command a certain number of times.

Both batches and reps within each batch are aggregated according to the method you specify in the iteration argument. If "list", reps and batches are aggregated with list(). If "vector", then vctrs::vec_c(). If "group", then vctrs::vec_rbind().

Value
A list of two target objects, one upstream and one downstream. The upstream one does some work and returns some file paths, and the downstream target is a pattern that applies format = "file". See the "Target objects" section for background.
Replicate-specific seeds

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See Also

Other branching: `tar_combine()`, `tar_combine_raw()`, `tar_map()`, `tar_map2()`, `tar_map2_count()`, `tar_map2_count_raw()`, `tar_map2_raw()`, `tar_map2_size()`, `tar_map2_size_raw()`, `tar_map_rep()`, `tar_map_rep_raw()`, `tar_rep()`, `tar_rep2()`, `tar_rep2_raw()`, `tar_rep_map()`, `tar_rep_map_raw()`

Examples

```r
eval_if(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES") == "true") {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script(
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_rep_raw("x", expression(data.frame(x = sample.int(1e4, 2))),
          batches = 2,
          reps = 3
        )
      )
    )
  })
}````
tar_select_names

```r
targets::tar_make(callr_function = NULL)
targets::tar_read(x)
)
```

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### tar_select_names

**Select target names from a target list**

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#### Description

Select the names of targets from a target list.

#### Usage

```r
tar_select_names(targets, ...)
```

#### Arguments

- `targets` A list of target objects as described in the "Target objects" section. It does not matter how nested the list is as long as the only leaf nodes are targets.
- `...` One or more comma-separated tidyselect expressions, e.g. `starts_with("prefix")`. Just like `...` in `dplyr::select()`.

#### Value

A character vector of target names.

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#### See Also

Other target selection: `tar_select_targets()`
Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets <- list(
      list(
        targets::tar_target(x, 1),
        targets::tar_target(y1, 2)
      ),
      targets::tar_target(y2, 3),
      targets::tar_target(z, 4)
    )
  } = tar_select_names(targets, starts_with("y"), contains("z"))
}
```

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tar_select_targets Select target objects from a target list

Description

Select target objects from a target list.

Usage

```r
tar_select_targets(targets, ...)
```

Arguments

- `targets`: A list of target objects as described in the "Target objects" section. It does not matter how nested the list is as long as the only leaf nodes are targets.
- `...`: One or more comma-separated tidyselect expressions, e.g. `starts_with("prefix")`. Just like ... in `dplyr::select()`.

Value

A list of target objects. See the "Target objects" section of this help file.

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See Also

Other target selection: `tar_select_names()`

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({ # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets <- list(
      list(
        targets::tar_target(x, 1),
        targets::tar_target(y1, 2)
      ),
      targets::tar_target(y2, 3),
      targets::tar_target(z, 4)
    )
    tar_select_targets(targets, starts_with("y"), contains("z"))
  })
}
```

tar_skip

Target with a custom cancellation condition.

Description

Create a target that cancels itself if a user-defined decision rule is met.

Usage

```r
tar_skip(
  name,
  command,
  skip,
  tidy_eval = targets::tar_option_get("tidy_eval"),
  packages = targets::tar_option_get("packages"),
  library = targets::tar_option_get("library"),
  format = targets::tar_option_get("format"),
  repository = targets::tar_option_get("repository"),
  iteration = targets::tar_option_get("iteration"),
  error = targets::tar_option_get("error"),
  memory = targets::tar_option_get("memory"),
  garbage_collection = targets::tar_option_get("garbage_collection"),
  deployment = targets::tar_option_get("deployment"),
  priority = targets::tar_option_get("priority"),
  resources = targets::tar_option_get("resources"),
  storage = targets::tar_option_get("storage"),
  retrieval = targets::tar_option_get("retrieval"),
  cue = targets::tar_option_get("cue"),
  description = targets::tar_option_get("description")
)
```
Arguments

name
Symbol, name of the target. A target name must be a valid name for a symbol in R, and it must not start with a dot. Subsequent targets can refer to this name symbolically to induce a dependency relationship: e.g. `tar_target(downstream_target, f(upstream_target))` is a target named `downstream_target` which depends on a target `upstream_target` and a function `f()`. In addition, a target’s name determines its random number generator seed. In this way, each target runs with a reproducible seed so someone else running the same pipeline should get the same results, and no two targets in the same pipeline share the same seed. (Even dynamic branches have different names and thus different seeds.) You can recover the seed of a completed target with `tar_meta(your_target, seed)` and run `tar_seed_set()` on the result to locally recreate the target’s initial RNG state.

command
R code to run the target.

skip
R code for the skipping condition. If it evaluates to `TRUE` during `tar_make()`, the target will cancel itself.

tidy_eval
Whether to invoke tidy evaluation (e.g. the `!!` operator from `rlang`) as soon as the target is defined (before `tar_make()`). Applies to arguments `command` and `skip`.

packages
Character vector of packages to load right before the target runs or the output data is reloaded for downstream targets. Use `tar_option_set()` to set packages globally for all subsequent targets you define.

library
Character vector of library paths to try when loading packages.

format
Optional storage format for the target’s return value. With the exception of `format = "file"`, each target gets a file in `_targets/objects`, and each format is a different way to save and load this file. See the "Storage formats" section for a detailed list of possible data storage formats.

repository
Character of length 1, remote repository for target storage. Choices:

- "local": file system of the local machine.
- "aws": Amazon Web Services (AWS) S3 bucket. Can be configured with a non-AWS S3 bucket using the `endpoint` argument of `tar_resources_aws()`, but versioning capabilities may be lost in doing so. See the cloud storage section of the page for details for instructions.
- "gcp": Google Cloud Platform storage bucket. See the cloud storage section of the page for details for instructions.

Note: if `repository` is not "local" and `format` is "file" then the target should create a single output file. That output file is uploaded to the cloud and tracked for changes where it exists in the cloud. The local file is deleted after the target runs.

iteration
Character of length 1, name of the iteration mode of the target. Choices:

- "vector": branching happens with `vctrs::vec_slice()` and aggregation happens with `vctrs::vec_c()`.
- "list", branching happens with `[[ ]]` and aggregation happens with `list()`.
- "group": `dplyr::group_by()`-like functionality to branch over subsets of a non-dynamic data frame. For `iteration = "group"`, the target must not be dynamic (the pattern argument of `tar_target()` must be left `NULL`). The target’s return value must be a data frame with a special `tar_group` column of consecutive integers from 1 through the number of groups. Each integer designates a group, and a branch is created for each collection of rows in a group. See the `tar_group()` function to see how you can create the special `tar_group` column with `dplyr::group_by()`.

**error**  Character of length 1, what to do if the target stops and throws an error. Options:
- "stop": the whole pipeline stops and throws an error.
- "continue": the whole pipeline keeps going.
- "abridge": any currently running targets keep running, but no new targets launch after that. (Visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/debugging.html to learn how to debug targets using saved workspaces.)
- "null": The errored target continues and returns `NULL`. The data hash is deliberately wrong so the target is not up to date for the next run of the pipeline.

**memory**  Character of length 1, memory strategy. If "persistent", the target stays in memory until the end of the pipeline (unless storage is "worker", in which case targets unloads the value from memory right after storing it in order to avoid sending copious data over a network). If "transient", the target gets unloaded after every new target completes. Either way, the target gets automatically loaded into memory whenever another target needs the value. For cloud-based dynamic files (e.g. `format = "file"` with `repository = "aws"`), this memory strategy applies to the temporary local copy of the file: "persistent" means it remains until the end of the pipeline and is then deleted, and "transient" means it gets deleted as soon as possible. The former conserves bandwidth, and the latter conserves local storage.

**garbage_collection**  Logical, whether to run `base::gc()` just before the target runs.

**deployment**  Character of length 1. If deployment is "main", then the target will run on the central controlling R process. Otherwise, if deployment is "worker" and you set up the pipeline with distributed/parallel computing, then the target runs on a parallel worker. For more on distributed/parallel computing in targets, please visit https://books.ropensci.org/targets/crew.html.

**priority**  Numeric of length 1 between 0 and 1. Controls which targets get deployed first when multiple competing targets are ready simultaneously. Targets with priorities closer to 1 get dispatched earlier (and polled earlier in `tar_make_future()`).

**resources**  Object returned by `tar_resources()` with optional settings for high-performance computing functionality, alternative data storage formats, and other optional capabilities of targets. See `tar_resources()` for details.

**storage**  Character of length 1, only relevant to `tar_make_clustermq()` and `tar_make_future()`. Must be one of the following values:
- "main": the target’s return value is sent back to the host machine and saved/uploaded locally.
• "worker": the worker saves/uploads the value.
• "none": almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language. If you do use it, then the return value of the target is totally ignored when the target ends, but each downstream target still attempts to load the data file (except when retrieval = "none"). If you select storage = "none", then the return value of the target’s command is ignored, and the data is not saved automatically. As with dynamic files (format = "file") it is the responsibility of the user to write to the data store from inside the target.

The distinguishing feature of storage = "none" (as opposed to format = "file") is that in the general case, downstream targets will automatically try to load the data from the data store as a dependency. As a corollary, storage = "none" is completely unnecessary if format is "file".

retrieval Character of length 1, only relevant to tar_make_clustermq() and tar_make_future(). Must be one of the following values:
• "main": the target’s dependencies are loaded on the host machine and sent to the worker before the target runs.
• "worker": the worker loads the target’s dependencies.
• "none": the dependencies are not loaded at all. This choice is almost never recommended. It is only for niche situations, e.g. the data needs to be loaded explicitly from another language.

cue An optional object from tar_cue() to customize the rules that decide whether the target is up to date.
description Character of length 1, a custom free-form human-readable text description of the target. Descriptions appear as target labels in functions like tar_manifest() and tar_visnetwork(), and they let you select subsets of targets for the names argument of functions like tar_make(). For example, tar_manifest(names = tar_described_as(starts_with("survival model"))) lists all the targets whose descriptions start with the character string "survival model".

Details
tar_skip() creates a target that cancels itself whenever a custom condition is met. The mechanism of cancellation is targets::tar_cancel(your_condition), which allows skipping to happen even if the target does not exist yet. This behavior differs from tar_cue(mode = "never"), which still runs if the target does not exist.

Value
A target object with targets::tar_cancel(your_condition) inserted into the command. See the "Target objects" section for background.

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See Also

Other targets with custom invalidation rules: tar_change(), tar_download(), tar_force()

Examples

```r
if (identical(Sys.getenv("TAR_LONG_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  targets::tar_dir({
    # tar_dir() runs code from a temporary directory.
    targets::tar_script({
      list(
        tarchetypes::tar_skip(x, command = "value", skip = 1 > 0)
      )
    )
  })
  targets::tar_make()
}
```

---

tar_sub  

Create multiple expressions with symbol substitution.

Description

Loop over a grid of values and create an expression object from each one. Helps with general metaprogramming.

Usage

tar_sub(expr, values)

Arguments

- **expr**  
  Starting expression. Values are iteratively substituted in place of symbols in expr to create each new expression.

- **values**  
  List of values to substitute into expr to create the expressions. All elements of values must have the same length.

Value

A list of expression objects. Often, these expression objects evaluate to target objects (but not necessarily). See the “Target objects” section for background.
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See Also

Other Metaprogramming utilities: tar_eval(), tar_eval_raw(), tar_sub_raw()

Examples

# tar_map() is incompatible with tar_render() because the latter
# operates on preexisting tar_target() objects. By contrast,
# tar_eval() and tar_sub() iterate over code farther upstream.
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = list("file1.Rmd", "file2.Rmd")
)
tar_sub(tar_render(name, file), values = values)

---

```
| `tar_sub_raw` | Create multiple expressions with symbol substitution (raw version). |
```

Description

Loop over a grid of values and create an expression object from each one. Helps with general
metaprogramming. Unlike tar_sub(), which quotes the expr argument, tar_sub_raw() assumes
expr is an expression object.

Usage

tar_sub_raw(expr, values)

Arguments

- **expr**: Expression object with the starting expression. Values are iteratively substituted
  in place of symbols in expr to create each new expression.

- **values**: List of values to substitute into expr to create the expressions. All elements of
  values must have the same length.
**Value**

A list of expression objects. Often, these expression objects evaluate to target objects (but not necessarily). See the “Target objects” section for background.

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**See Also**

Other Metaprogramming utilities: `tar_eval()`, `tar_eval_raw()`, `tar_sub()`

**Examples**

```r
# tar_map() is incompatible with tar_render() because the latter
# operates on preexisting tar_target() objects. By contrast,
# tar_eval_raw() and tar_sub_raw() iterate over code farther upstream.
values <- list(
  name = lapply(c("name1", "name2"), as.symbol),
  file = c("file1.Rmd", "file2.Rmd")
)
tar_sub_raw(quote(tar_render(name, file)), values = values)
```
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