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Description Tools, methods and processes for the management
of analysis workflows. These lightweight solutions facilitate
structuring R&D activities. These solutions were developed to comply
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archiveTask   *Create an archive containing the files of a given task.*

Description

Create an archive containing the files of a given task.

Usage

```
archiveTask(task, file, overwrite = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
file	full name of the output zip file
overwrite	overwrite the output zip file is it exists
...	Arguments passed on to `utils::zip`

zipfile The pathname of the zip file: tilde expansion (see `path.expand`) will be performed.

files A character vector of recorded filepaths to be included.

flags A character string of flags to be passed to the command: see 'Details'.

extras An optional character vector: see 'Details'.

zip A character string specifying the external command to be used.

Value

the archive file name invisibly.

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binaryDir *Get path of binary directory.*

Description

Get path of binary directory.

Usage

```
binaryDir(task, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

binaryFn *Get path of binary file.*

Description

Get path of binary file.

Usage

```
binaryFn(task, type, ext = "rds", subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

catReport   *Output R object using function cat.*

Description

Output R object using function cat.

Usage

```
catReport(
  x,
  task,
  type,
  ext = "txt",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  sep = "\n",
  eof = "\n",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	R object to output.
task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
sep	separator
eof	EOF
...	R objects (see 'Details' for the types of objects allowed).

Value

the file name invisibly.

D4getenv *Get env var.*

Description

Get env var.

Usage

```
D4getenv(name, desc, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

name	name of variable
desc	description of variable
quiet	suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

Environment variable.

D4TAlink-common-args *Arguments used across the functions of the D4TAlink package.*

Description

Arguments used across the functions of the D4TAlink package.

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
taskname	Task name.
author	Author name, system username by default.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by setTaskSponsor.
rootpath	Path of the task repository, default set by setTaskRoot.
task	Object of class D4TAlinkTask, as created by initTask.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
suffix	Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default NA.

dirType	Directory type, e.g. 'bin' or 'data' or 'doc'.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
pathgen	optional function returning a list of paths, currently pathsGLPG or pathsPMS.

Value

No return value, used for the documentation of the functions of the package.

D4TAlinkTask   D4TAlinkTask *Documentation of the D4TAlinkTask class*

Description

The D4TAlinkTask object is created by the initTask function. This object is a list containing the task properties:

task: task name

package: package name

project: project name

sponsor: sponsor name

author: author name

copyright: copyright, by default 'Copyright (c) [sponsor] [year]'

'date':   date of the task initialization, formatted as 'year-month-day'

'footer':   footer for the task, e.g., 'Copyright (c) [sponsor] [year] - CONFIDENTIAL'

'version':   string with task version, '0.0' at the initialization

dependencies: information on R versions and names of loaded/attached dependencies and corresponding versions

There are different functions dedicated for this D4TAlinkTask object:

taskID**:**   Get ID

Value

Not relevant

Examples

```
## Not run:
# set D4TAlink's global parameters
setTaskAuthor("Doe Johns")
setTaskSponsor("mySponsor")

# Create data repository
setTaskRoot(file.path(tempdir(),"D4TAlink_example001"),dirCreate=TRUE)

# Create a task
task <- initTask(project="myProject",
                 package="myPackage",
                 taskname=sprintf("%s_myTask",format(Sys.time(),"%Y%m%d")))

# Output a plot to a PDF file
file <- pdfReport(task,c("plots",1),dim=c(100,100))
opa <- par()$ask
par(ask=FALSE)
hist(rnorm(100))
par(ask=opa)
dev.off()
# View the plot:
utils::browseURL(file)

# Output tables to an Excel file
d <- list(letters=data.frame(a=LETTERS,b=letters,c=1:length(letters)),
          other=data.frame(a=1:3,b=11:13))
file <- saveReportXls(d,task,"table")
utils::browseURL(file)

# Save an R object to a binary file
saveBinary(d,task,"data")
e <- readBinary(task,"data")
if(!all(names(e)%in%names(d))) stop("error [1]")

# Create and render R markdown file
initTaskRmd(task,overwrite=TRUE)
file <- renderTaskRmd(task) # requires having run 'tinytex::install_tinytex()'
utils::browseURL(file)

# Delete new data repository
unlink(getTaskRoot(),recursive=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

| datasourceDir | *Get path of data source directory.* |

Description

Get path of data source directory.

Usage

```
datasourceDir(task, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

datasourceFn   *Get path of data source file.*

Description

Get path of data source file.

Usage

```
datasourceFn(task, filename, subdir = ".", dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
filename	name of the input file.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

docDir   *Get path of documentation directory.*

Description

Get path of documentation directory.

Usage

```
docDir(task, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

docFn   *Get path of documentation file.*

Description

Get path of documentation file.

Usage

```
docFn(task, type, ext, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

DTx   *Generic function.*

Description

Generic function.

Usage

```
DTx(sponsor = getTaskSponsor(), task = NULL)
```

Arguments

sponsor   Sponsor name, default set by [setTaskSponsor](#).

task   Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).

Value

NULL.

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formatTaskDocx   *Replace default task fields in 'docx' file.*

Description

Replace default task fields in 'docx' file.

Usage

```
formatTaskDocx(task, ifn)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).

ifn   input file name.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

getTaskAuthor *Get the name of the task author.*

Description

Get the name of the task author.

Usage

```
getTaskAuthor(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

The current name of the tasks author.

Examples

```
getTaskAuthor(quiet=TRUE)
```

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getTaskEnckey *Get the encryption key for binary data files.*

Description

Get the encryption key for binary data files.

Usage

```
getTaskEnckey(ask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

ask   query encryption key from user, default FALSE.

Value

The encryption key invisibly.

---

getTaskFilepath *Get the path of a file.*

Description

Get the path of a file.

Usage

```
getTaskFilepath(task, type, ext, dirtype, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
dirtype	task directory where file is stored, i.e., 'documentation', 'code', 'data', 'data source' or 'binary data'.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

Full path to file.

---

getTaskPaths *Get the paths of the task.*

Description

Get the paths of the task.

Usage

```
getTaskPaths(task)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.

Value

List of task's paths.

---

getTaskRmdTemplate *Get the path to the Rmd task template.*

Description

Get the path to the Rmd task template.

Usage

```
getTaskRmdTemplate(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

The path to the Rmd task template.

---

getTaskRoot *Get the root of the task repository.*

Description

Get the root of the task repository.

Usage

```
getTaskRoot(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

Path to the current task root.

Examples

```
getTaskRoot(quiet=TRUE)
```

`getTaskRscriptTemplate`

Get the path to the R script task template.

Description

Get the path to the R script task template.

Usage

```
getTaskRscriptTemplate(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

The path to the R script task template.

`getTaskSponsor`   *Get the name of the task sponsor.*

Description

Get the name of the task sponsor.

Usage

```
getTaskSponsor(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

The current name of the tasks sponsor.

Examples

```
getTaskSponsor(quiet=TRUE)
```

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getTaskStructure   *Get repository directory structure.*

Description

Get repository directory structure.

Usage

```
getTaskStructure(quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

quiet   suppress error messages, default=FALSE.

Value

The directory structure function.

---

initTask   *Initialize a task*

Description

During the initialization:

- The folder structure for the task is created in the data repository.

- The task properties are also saved in rds and json format.

Please note that it is recommended to load packages for your analysis before initializing the task.

Usage

```
initTask(
  project,
  package,
  taskname,
  sponsor = getTaskSponsor(),
  author = getTaskAuthor(),
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  templateCreate = FALSE,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

`project`	Project name.
`package`	Package name.
`taskname`	Task name.
`sponsor`	Sponsor name, default set by [setTaskSponsor]().
`author`	Author name, system username by default.
`dirCreate`	logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory structure for the task is created in the repository.
`templateCreate`	create the prefilled Rmd template for the task, default value: FALSE.
`overwrite`	logical, if TRUE and the task already exists, overwrite its parameters.

Value

[D4TAlinkTask]() object

`initTaskRmd`	*Create task template in Rmd format.*

Description

Create task template in Rmd format.

Usage

```
initTaskRmd(task, encoding = "unknown", overwrite = FALSE, suffix = NA)
```

Arguments

`task`	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
`encoding`	encoding to be assumed for input strings. It is used to mark character strings as known to be in Latin-1, UTF-8 or to be bytes: it is not used to re-encode the input. To do the latter, specify the encoding as part of the connection con or via [options](encoding=): see the examples and 'Details'.
`overwrite`	overwrite Rmd file if exists, default FALSE
`suffix`	Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default NA.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

initTaskRscript *Create task R script.*

Description

Create task R script.

Usage

```
initTaskRscript(task, overwrite = FALSE, encoding = "unknown", suffix = NA)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.

overwrite   overwrite R file if exists, default FALSE

encoding   encoding to be assumed for input strings. It is used to mark character strings as
             known to be in Latin-1, UTF-8 or to be bytes: it is not used to re-encode the
             input. To do the latter, specify the encoding as part of the connection con or via
             `options`(encoding=): see the examples and 'Details'.

suffix   Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default
             NA.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

jpegReport *Graphics devices for* JPEG *format bitmap files.*

Description

Graphics devices for JPEG format bitmap files.

Usage

```
jpegReport(
  task,
  type,
  ext = "jpg",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  dim = c(500, 500),
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	character string, one of "Xlib" or "quartz" (some macOS builds) or "cairo". The latter will only be available if the system was compiled with support for cairo – otherwise "Xlib" will be used. The default is set by [getOption]("bitmapType") – the 'out of the box' default is "quartz" or "cairo" where available, otherwise "Xlib".
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
dim	device height and width in px.
width	device height in px.
height	device height in px.
...	Arguments passed on to [grDevices::jpeg]()

> filename the output file path. The page number is substituted if a C integer format is included in the character string, as in the default. (Depending on the platform, the result should be less than PATH_MAX characters long, and may be truncated if not. See [postscript]() for further details.) Tilde expansion is performed where supported by the platform. An input with a marked encoding is converted to the native encoding on an error is given.
>
> units The units in which height and width are given. Can be px (pixels, the default), in (inches), cm or mm.
>
> pointsize the default pointsize of plotted text, interpreted as big points (1/72 inch) at res ppi.
>
> bg the initial background colour: can be overridden by setting par("bg").
>
> quality the 'quality' of the JPEG image, as a percentage. Smaller values will give more compression but also more degradation of the image.
>
> res The nominal resolution in ppi which will be recorded in the bitmap file, if a positive integer. Also used for units other than the default, and to convert points to pixels.
>
> antialias for type = "cairo", giving the type of anti-aliasing (if any) to be used for fonts and lines (but not fills). See [X11](). The default is set by [X11.options](). Also for type = "quartz", where antialiasing is used unless antialias = "none".

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

jpegReportFn *Get path of* jpeg *output file.*

Description

Get path of jpeg output file.

Usage

```
jpegReportFn(task, type, ext = "jpg", subdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class D4TAlinkTask, as created by initTask.

type   Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used
            with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]

ext   Filename extension.

subdir   (optional) Subdirectory.

Value

File path.

---

listTaskFiles *List the files associated to a task.*

Description

List the files associated to a task.

Usage

```
listTaskFiles(task, full.names = FALSE, which = NULL)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class D4TAlinkTask, as created by initTask.

full.names a logical value. If TRUE, the directory path is prepended to the file names to give
            a relative file path. If FALSE, the file names (rather than paths) are returned.

which   list of file types to list.

Value

array of file names.

listTasks *List details of all tasks stored in the root directory.*

Description

List details of all tasks stored in the root directory.

Usage

```
listTasks(
  project = NULL,
  package = NULL,
  sponsor = NULL,
  rootpath = getTaskRoot()
)
```

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by `setTaskSponsor`.
rootpath	Path of the task repository, default set by `setTaskRoot`.

Value

`data.frame` with the following information for tasks "sponsor", "project", "package", "task".

loadTask *Load a task.*

Description

Load a task.

Usage

```
loadTask(
  project,
  package,
  taskname,
  sponsor = getTaskSponsor(),
  author = getTaskAuthor(),
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
taskname	Task name.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by setTaskSponsor.
author	Author name, system username by default.
quiet	issue warning if file does not exists.

Value

Object of class D4TAlinkTask or NULL if the task does not exists.

---

pathsDefault *Task paths generator.*

Description

The paths are: datasrc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/raw/datasource data: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/ou
bin: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/output/[taskname]/bin code: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/progs
doc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/docs log: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/output/log

Usage

```
pathsDefault(project, package, taskname, sponsor)
```

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
taskname	Task name.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by setTaskSponsor.

Value

a list of file paths

---

pathsGLPG   *Task paths generator.*

Description

The paths are: datasrc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/raw/datasource data: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/ou
bin: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/output/adhoc/[taskname]/bin code: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/progs
doc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/docs log: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/[project]/[package]/output/log

Usage

```
pathsGLPG(project, package, taskname, sponsor)
```

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
taskname	Task name.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by [setTaskSponsor]().

Value

a list of file paths

---

pathsPMS   *Task paths generator.*

Description

The paths are: datasrc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_data/[project]/[package]/datasource data: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_data/[pro
bin: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_data/[project]/[package]/[taskname]/bin code: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_code/[project]/[packag
doc: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_documentation/[project]/[package]/[taskname] log: [ROOT]/[sponsor]/PMS_data/[project]/[pa

Usage

```
pathsPMS(project, package, taskname, sponsor)
```

Arguments

project	Project name.
package	Package name.
taskname	Task name.
sponsor	Sponsor name, default set by [setTaskSponsor]().

Value

a list of file paths

---

pdfReport   *Graphics devices for* pdf *format bitmap files.*

Description

Graphics devices for pdf format bitmap files.

Usage

```
pdfReport(
  task,
  type,
  ext = "pdf",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  title = NA,
  file = NA,
  dim = c(297, 210),
  height = NULL,
  width = NULL,
  landscape = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
title	title string to embed as the '/Title' field in the file. Defaults to `"R Graphics Output"`.
file	a character string giving the file path. If it is of the form `"|cmd"`, the output is piped to the command given by cmd. If it is NULL, then no external file is created (effectively, no drawing occurs), but the device may still be queried (e.g., for size of text).
	For use with onefile = FALSE give a C integer format such as `"Rplot%03d.pdf"` (the default in that case). (See `postscript` for further details.)
	Tilde expansion (see `path.expand`) is done. An input with a marked encoding is converted to the native encoding or an error is given.
dim	device height and width in `mm`.
height	device height in `mm`.

width   device height in mm.

landscape   if defined, orientation of the document.

...   Arguments passed on to grDevices::pdf

    width,height the width and height of the graphics region in inches. The default values are 7.

    onefile logical: if true (the default) allow multiple figures in one file. If false, generate a file with name containing the page number for each page. Defaults to TRUE, and forced to true if file is a pipe.

    family the font family to be used, see postscript. Defaults to "Helvetica".

    fonts a character vector specifying R graphics font family names for additional fonts which will be included in the PDF file. Defaults to NULL.

    version a string describing the PDF version that will be required to view the output. This is a minimum, and will be increased (with a warning) if necessary. Defaults to "1.4", but see 'Details'.

    paper the target paper size. The choices are "a4", "letter", "legal" (or "us") and "executive" (and these can be capitalized), or "a4r" and "USr" for rotated ('landscape'). The default is "special", which means that the width and height specify the paper size. A further choice is "default"; if this is selected, the papersize is taken from the option "papersize" if that is set and as "a4" if it is unset or empty. Defaults to "special".

    encoding the name of an encoding file. See postscript for details. Defaults to "default".

    bg the initial background color to be used. Defaults to "transparent".

    fg the initial foreground color to be used. Defaults to "black".

    pointsize the default point size to be used. Strictly speaking, in bp, that is 1/72 of an inch, but approximately in points. Defaults to 12.

    pagecentre logical: should the device region be centred on the page? – is only relevant for paper != "special". Defaults to TRUE.

    colormodel a character string describing the color model: currently allowed values are "srgb", "gray" (or "grey") and "cmyk". Defaults to "srgb". See section 'Color models'.

    useDingbats logical. Should small circles be rendered *via* the Dingbats font? Defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, this can produce smaller and better output, but can cause font display problems in broken PDF viewers: although this font is one of the 14 guaranteed to be available in all PDF viewers, that guarantee is not always honoured.
       For Unix-alikes (including macOS) see the 'Note' for a possible fix for some viewers.

    useKerning logical. Should kerning corrections be included in setting text and calculating string widths? Defaults to TRUE.

    fillOddEven logical controlling the polygon fill mode: see polygon for details. Defaults to FALSE.

    compress logical. Should PDF streams be generated with Flate compression? Defaults to TRUE.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

pdfReportFn *Get path of* pdf *output file.*

Description

Get path of pdf output file.

Usage

```
pdfReportFn(task, type, ext = "pdf", subdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.

Value

File path.

---

pngReport *Graphics devices for* PNG *format bitmap files.*

Description

Graphics devices for PNG format bitmap files.

Usage

```
pngReport(
  task,
  type,
  ext = "png",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  dim = c(500, 500),
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	character string, one of "Xlib" or "quartz" (some macOS builds) or "cairo". The latter will only be available if the system was compiled with support for cairo – otherwise "Xlib" will be used. The default is set by [getOption]("bitmapType") – the 'out of the box' default is "quartz" or "cairo" where available, otherwise "Xlib".
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
dim	device height and width in px.
width	device height in px.
height	device height in px.
...	Arguments passed on to [grDevices::png]()
	filename the output file path. The page number is substituted if a C integer format is included in the character string, as in the default. (Depending on the platform, the result should be less than PATH_MAX characters long, and may be truncated if not. See [postscript]() for further details.) Tilde expansion is performed where supported by the platform. An input with a marked encoding is converted to the native encoding on an error is given.
	units The units in which height and width are given. Can be px (pixels, the default), in (inches), cm or mm.
	pointsize the default pointsize of plotted text, interpreted as big points (1/72 inch) at res ppi.
	bg the initial background colour: can be overridden by setting par("bg").
	res The nominal resolution in ppi which will be recorded in the bitmap file, if a positive integer. Also used for units other than the default, and to convert points to pixels.
	antialias for type = "cairo", giving the type of anti-aliasing (if any) to be used for fonts and lines (but not fills). See [X11](). The default is set by [X11.options](). Also for type = "quartz", where antialiasing is used unless antialias = "none".

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

pngReportFn   *Get path of* png *output file.*

Description

Get path of png output file.

Usage

```
pngReportFn(task, type, ext = "png", subdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.

Value

File path.

---

progDir *Get path of scripts directory.*

Description

Get path of scripts directory.

Usage

```
progDir(task, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

readBinary *Restore R object from binary file.*

Description

Restore R object from binary file.

Usage

```
readBinary(
  task,
  type,
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = FALSE,
  ask = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  password = NULL
)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
ask	query encryption key from user, default FALSE.
quiet	issue warning if file does not exists.
password	encryption password, default NULL

Value

Object stored in binary file, or `NULL` if file does not exist.

---

readFeather *Restore R data.frame from Apache Arrow feather file.*

Description

Restore R data.frame from Apache Arrow feather file.

Usage

```
readFeather(task, type, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = FALSE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask], as created by [initTask].
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
quiet	issue warning if file does not exists.

Value

Object stored in Apache Arrow feather file, or NULL if file does not exist.

---

readPickle	*Restore R data.frame from a Python pickle file.*

Description

Restore R data.frame from a Python pickle file.

Usage

```
readPickle(task, type, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = FALSE, quiet = FALSE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask], as created by [initTask].
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
quiet	issue warning if file does not exists.

Value

Object stored in Apache Arrow feather file, or NULL if file does not exist.

---

readReportJSON *Read JSON data into R object.*

Description

Read JSON data into R object.

Usage

```
readReportJSON(task, type, ext = "json", subdir = NULL, dirCreate = FALSE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

the data read, or NULL if the file does not exist.

---

readReportTable *Read data into vector or list using function* [scan](#).

Description

Read data into vector or list using function [scan](#).

Usage

```
readReportTable(task, type, ext = "csv", subdir = NULL, dirCreate = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

...   Arguments passed on to `utils::read.table`

     file the name of the file which the data are to be read from. Each row of the table appears as one line of the file. If it does not contain an *absolute* path, the file name is *relative* to the current working directory, `getwd()`. Tilde-expansion is performed where supported. This can be a compressed file (see `file`).

        Alternatively, `file` can be a readable text-mode connection (which will be opened for reading if necessary, and if so `close`d (and hence destroyed) at the end of the function call). (If `stdin()` is used, the prompts for lines may be somewhat confusing. Terminate input with a blank line or an EOF signal, `Ctrl-D` on Unix and `Ctrl-Z` on Windows. Any pushback on stdin() will be cleared before return.)

        `file` can also be a complete URL. (For the supported URL schemes, see the 'URLs' section of the help for `url`.)

     header a logical value indicating whether the file contains the names of the variables as its first line. If missing, the value is determined from the file format: `header` is set to `TRUE` if and only if the first row contains one fewer field than the number of columns.

     sep the field separator character. Values on each line of the file are separated by this character. If `sep = ""` (the default for `read.table`) the separator is 'white space', that is one or more spaces, tabs, newlines or carriage returns.

     quote the set of quoting characters. To disable quoting altogether, use `quote = ""`. See `scan` for the behaviour on quotes embedded in quotes. Quoting is only considered for columns read as character, which is all of them unless `colClasses` is specified.

     dec the character used in the file for decimal points.

     numerals string indicating how to convert numbers whose conversion to double precision would lose accuracy, see `type.convert`. Can be abbreviated. (Applies also to complex-number inputs.)

     row.names a vector of row names. This can be a vector giving the actual row names, or a single number giving the column of the table which contains the row names, or character string giving the name of the table column containing the row names.

        If there is a header and the first row contains one fewer field than the number of columns, the first column in the input is used for the row names. Otherwise if `row.names` is missing, the rows are numbered.

        Using `row.names = NULL` forces row numbering. Missing or `NULL` `row.names` generate row names that are considered to be 'automatic' (and not preserved by `as.matrix`).

     col.names a vector of optional names for the variables. The default is to use `"V"` followed by the column number.

     as.is controls conversion of character variables (insofar as they are not converted to logical, numeric or complex) to factors, if not otherwise specified by `colClasses`. Its value is either a vector of logicals (values are recycled if necessary), or a vector of numeric or character indices which specify which columns should not be converted to factors.

        Note: to suppress all conversions including those of numeric columns, set `colClasses = "character"`.

Note that as.is is specified per column (not per variable) and so includes
the column of row names (if any) and any columns to be skipped.

tryLogical a logical determining if columns consisting entirely of "F", "T",
"FALSE", and "TRUE" should be converted to logical; passed to type.convert,
true by default.

na.strings a character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as [NA](NA) val-
ues. Blank fields are also considered to be missing values in logical, integer,
numeric and complex fields. Note that the test happens *after* white space is
stripped from the input, so na.strings values may need their own white
space stripped in advance.

colClasses character. A vector of classes to be assumed for the columns. If
unnamed, recycled as necessary. If named, names are matched with un-
specified values being taken to be NA.
Possible values are NA (the default, when type.convert is used), "NULL"
(when the column is skipped), one of the atomic vector classes (logical, in-
teger, numeric, complex, character, raw), or "factor", "Date" or "POSIXct".
Otherwise there needs to be an as method (from package **methods**) for con-
version from "character" to the specified formal class.
Note that colClasses is specified per column (not per variable) and so
includes the column of row names (if any).

nrows integer: the maximum number of rows to read in. Negative and other
invalid values are ignored.

skip integer: the number of lines of the data file to skip before beginning to
read data.

check.names logical. If TRUE then the names of the variables in the data frame
are checked to ensure that they are syntactically valid variable names. If
necessary they are adjusted (by make.names) so that they are, and also to
ensure that there are no duplicates.

fill logical. If TRUE then in case the rows have unequal length, blank fields
are implicitly added. See 'Details'.

strip.white logical. Used only when sep has been specified, and allows the
stripping of leading and trailing white space from unquoted character
fields (numeric fields are always stripped). See scan for further details (in-
cluding the exact meaning of 'white space'), remembering that the columns
may include the row names.

blank.lines.skip logical: if TRUE blank lines in the input are ignored.

comment.char character: a character vector of length one containing a single
character or an empty string. Use "" to turn off the interpretation of com-
ments altogether.

allowEscapes logical. Should C-style escapes such as '\n' be processed or
read verbatim (the default)? Note that if not within quotes these could be
interpreted as a delimiter (but not as a comment character). For more details
see scan.

flush logical: if TRUE, scan will flush to the end of the line after reading the
last of the fields requested. This allows putting comments after the last
field.

stringsAsFactors logical: should character vectors be converted to factors? Note that this is overridden by as.is and colClasses, both of which allow finer control.

fileEncoding character string: if non-empty declares the encoding used on a file (not a connection) so the character data can be re-encoded. See the 'Encoding' section of the help for [file](), the 'R Data Import/Export' manual and 'Note'.

encoding encoding to be assumed for input strings. It is used to mark character strings as known to be in Latin-1 or UTF-8 (see [Encoding]()): it is not used to re-encode the input, but allows R to handle encoded strings in their native encoding (if one of those two). See 'Value' and 'Note'.

text character string: if file is not supplied and this is, then data are read from the value of text via a text connection. Notice that a literal string can be used to include (small) data sets within R code.

skipNul logical: should nuls be skipped?

Value

the data read, or NULL if the file does not exist.

---

renderTaskRmd   *Render the task from the Rmd file*

Description

The template of the task is rendered towards pdf or html in the documentation directory of the specified task. Note that on windows, Gnu zip may be required. The path to the executable must be added to the environment variables.

Usage

```
renderTaskRmd(
  task,
  output_format = NULL,
  debug = FALSE,
  clean = TRUE,
  suffix = NA,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().

output_format   The R Markdown output format to convert to. The option "all" will render all formats defined within the file. The option can be the name of a format (e.g. "html_document") and that will render the document to that single format. One

can also use a vector of format names to render to multiple formats. Alternatively, you can pass an output format object (e.g. `html_document()`). If using `NULL` then the output format is the first one defined in the YAML frontmatter in the input file (this defaults to HTML if no format is specified there). If you pass an output format object to `output_format`, the options specified in the YAML header or `_output.yml` will be ignored and you must explicitly set all the options you want when you construct the object. If you pass a string, the output format will use the output parameters in the YAML header or `_output.yml`.

debug   if TRUE execute in the global environment.

clean   Using `TRUE` will clean intermediate files that are created during rendering.

suffix   Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default NA.

...   Arguments passed on to [`rmarkdown::render`](rmarkdown::render)

> input   The input file to be rendered. This can be an R script (.R), an R Markdown document (.Rmd), or a plain markdown document.
>
> output_file   The name of the output file. If using `NULL` then the output filename will be based on filename for the input file. If a filename is provided, a path to the output file can also be provided. Note that the `output_dir` option allows for specifying the output file path as well, however, if also specifying the path, the directory must exist. If `output_file` is specified but does not have a file extension, an extension will be automatically added according to the output format. To avoid the automatic file extension, put the `output_file` value in [`I`](I)`()`, e.g., `I('my-output')`.
>
> output_dir   The output directory for the rendered `output_file`. This allows for a choice of an alternate directory to which the output file should be written (the default output directory of that of the input file). If a path is provided with a filename in `output_file` the directory specified here will take precedence. Please note that any directory path provided will create any necessary directories if they do not exist.
>
> output_options   List of output options that can override the options specified in metadata (e.g. could be used to force `self_contained` or `mathjax = "local"`). Note that this is only valid when the output format is read from metadata (i.e. not a custom format object passed to `output_format`).
>
> output_yaml   Paths to YAML files specifying output formats and their configurations. The first existing one is used. If none are found, then the function searches YAML files specified to the `output_yaml` top-level parameter in the YAML front matter, _output.yml or _output.yaml, and then uses the first existing one.
>
> intermediates_dir   Intermediate files directory. If a path is specified then intermediate files will be written to that path. If NULL, intermediate files are written to the same directory as the input file.
>
> knit_root_dir   The working directory in which to knit the document; uses knitr's `root.dir` knit option. If NULL then the behavior will follow the knitr default, which is to use the parent directory of the document.
>
> runtime   The runtime target for rendering. The `static` option produces output intended for static files; `shiny` produces output suitable for use in a Shiny

document (see [run](#)). The default, auto, allows the runtime target speci-
fied in the YAML metadata to take precedence, and renders for a static
runtime target otherwise.

params A list of named parameters that override custom params specified within
the YAML front-matter (e.g. specifying a dataset to read or a date range to
confine output to). Pass "ask" to start an application that helps guide pa-
rameter configuration.

knit_meta (This option is reserved for expert use.) Metadata generated by
knitr.

envir The environment in which the code chunks are to be evaluated during
knitting (can use [new.env()](#) to guarantee an empty new environment).

run_pandoc An option for whether to run pandoc to convert Markdown output.

quiet An option to suppress printing during rendering from knitr, pandoc com-
mand line and others. To only suppress printing of the last "Output created:
" message, you can set rmarkdown.render.message to FALSE

encoding Ignored. The encoding is always assumed to be UTF-8.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

reportDir   *Get path of report directory.*

Description

Get path of report directory.

Usage

```
reportDir(task, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

reportFn   *Get path of output file.*

Description

Get path of output file.

Usage

```
reportFn(task, type, ext, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

File path.

---

reportXlsFn   *Get path of* xlsx *output file.*

Description

Get path of xlsx output file.

Usage

```
reportXlsFn(task, type, ext = "xlsx", subdir = NULL)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.

Value

File path.

restoreTask   *Restore an archive containing the files of a given task from a file cre-*
                                  ated with archiveTask.

Description

Restore an archive containing the files of a given task from a file created with archiveTask.

Usage

```
restoreTask(file, overwrite = FALSE, list = FALSE, code = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

file	full name of the input zip file
overwrite	If TRUE, overwrite existing files (the equivalent of unzip -o), otherwise ignore such files (the equivalent of unzip -n).
list	If TRUE, list the files and extract none. The equivalent of unzip -l.
code	restore code, default TRUE
...	Arguments passed on to utils::unzip

> zipfile The pathname of the zip file: tilde expansion (see path.expand) will be performed.
>
> files A character vector of recorded filepaths to be extracted: the default is to extract all files.
>
> junkpaths If TRUE, use only the basename of the stored filepath when extracting. The equivalent of unzip -j.
>
> exdir The directory to extract files to (the equivalent of unzip -d). It will be created if necessary.
>
> unzip The method to be used. An alternative is to use getOption("unzip"), which on a Unix-alike may be set to the path to a unzip program.
>
> setTimes logical. For the internal method only, should the file times be set based on the times in the zip file? (NB: this applies to included files, not to directories.)

Value

if list FALSE, the task imported incisibly, otherwise the list of files in the archive.

rmdFn *Get path of R script file name.*

Description

Get path of R script file name.

Usage

```
rmdFn(task, suffix = NA)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
suffix	Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default NA.

Value

File path.

rscriptFn *Get path of R script file name.*

Description

Get path of R script file name.

Usage

```
rscriptFn(task, suffix = NA)
```

Arguments

task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
suffix	Filename suffix, used to develop scripts for sub-analyses for a given task, default NA.

Value

File path.

saveBinary   *Save R object in binary file.*

Description

Save R object in binary file.

Usage

```
saveBinary(
  object,
  task,
  type,
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  encrypt = FALSE,
  ask = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

object	R object to serialize.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
encrypt	encrypt the output, default: FALSE. If character string, then use the string as password.
ask	query encryption key from user, default FALSE.

Value

the file name invisibly.

saveBinaryE   *Save R object in encrypted binary file.*

Description

Save R object in encrypted binary file.

Usage

```
saveBinaryE(object, task, type, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE, ask = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	R object to serialize.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
ask	query encryption key from user, default FALSE.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

saveFeather   *Save R object in Apache Arrow feather file.*

Description

Save R object in Apache Arrow feather file.

Usage

```
saveFeather(object, task, type, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	data.frame to serialize.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

the file name invisibly.

savePickle   *Save R object in Python pickle file.*

Description

Save R object in Python pickle file.

Usage

```
savePickle(object, task, type, subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	data.frame to serialize.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

the file name invisibly.

saveReportJSON   *Output R object in JSON format.*

Description

Output R object in JSON format.

Usage

```
saveReportJSON(x, task, type, ext = "json", subdir = NULL, dirCreate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	R object to output.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](#), as created by [initTask](#).
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

saveReportTable   *Output R object using function* `write.csv`.

Description

Output R object using function `write.csv`.

Usage

```
saveReportTable(
  x,
  task,
  type,
  ext = "csv",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  gzip = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	R object to output.
task	Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
gzip	unused.
...	Arguments passed on to `utils::write.table`

> file either a character string naming a file or a connection open for writing. `""` indicates output to the console.
>
> append logical. Only relevant if `file` is a character string. If TRUE, the output is appended to the file. If FALSE, any existing file of the name is destroyed.
>
> quote a logical value (TRUE or FALSE) or a numeric vector. If TRUE, any character or factor columns will be surrounded by double quotes. If a numeric vector, its elements are taken as the indices of columns to quote. In both cases, row and column names are quoted if they are written. If FALSE, nothing is quoted.

sep the field separator string. Values within each row of x are separated by this string.

eol the character(s) to print at the end of each line (row). For example, eol = "\r\n" will produce Windows' line endings on a Unix-alike OS, and eol = "\r" will produce files as expected by Excel:mac 2004.

na the string to use for missing values in the data.

dec the string to use for decimal points in numeric or complex columns: must be a single character.

row.names either a logical value indicating whether the row names of x are to be written along with x, or a character vector of row names to be written.

col.names either a logical value indicating whether the column names of x are to be written along with x, or a character vector of column names to be written. See the section on 'CSV files' for the meaning of col.names = NA.

qmethod a character string specifying how to deal with embedded double quote characters when quoting strings. Must be one of "escape" (default for write.table), in which case the quote character is escaped in C style by a backslash, or "double" (default for write.csv and write.csv2), in which case it is doubled. You can specify just the initial letter.

fileEncoding character string: if non-empty declares the encoding to be used on a file (not a connection) so the character data can be re-encoded as they are written. See [file](#).

Value

the file name invisibly.

---

saveReportXls *Save R object in binary file.*

Description

Save R object in binary file.

Usage

```
saveReportXls(
  x,
  task,
  type,
  ext = "xlsx",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  AdjWidth = TRUE,
  FreezeRow = 1,
  FreezeCol = 3,
  metadata = "metadata",
```

```
    metadata.append = NULL,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

x	object to save. It can be either a data frame, an object of type `AnnotatedDataFrame`, or a list thereof.
task	Object of class [D4TAlinkTask](), as created by [initTask]().
type	Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]
ext	Filename extension.
subdir	(optional) Subdirectory.
dirCreate	Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.
AdjWidth	If `TRUE`, will adjust the worksheet column widths based upon the longest entry in each column. This is approximate.
FreezeRow	Rows including this row and above this row will be frozen and not scroll. The default value of `0` will scroll the entire sheet. Note that not all spreadsheet applications support this feature.
FreezeCol	Columns including this column and to the left of this column will be frozen and not scroll. The default value of `0` will scroll the entire sheet. Note that not all spreadsheet applications support this feature.
metadata	prefix for names of worksheets holding metadata.
metadata.append	
	array of metadata field names to be appended in header of tables.
...	Arguments passed on to [WriteXLS::WriteXLS]()

> ExcelFileName The name of the Excel file to be created. If the file extension is *.XLS*, an Excel 2003 file will be created. If the file extension is *.XLSX*, an Excel 2007 file will be created. Must be a valid Excel filename. May include an existing path. `normalizePath` is used to support tilde expansion, etc.
>
> SheetNames A character vector containing the names of each worksheet to be created. If `NULL` (the default), the names of the dataframes will be used instead. Worksheet names may be up to 31 characters in length and must be unique. If specified, length(SheetNames) must be the same as length(x). NOTE: The order of the names here must match the order of the data frames as listed in x.
>
> perl Name of the perl executable to be called.
>
> verbose Output step-by-step status messages during the creation of the Excel file. Default is FALSE.
>
> Encoding Define the character encoding to be used for the exported data frames. Defaults to `UTF-8`.
>
> AllText If `TRUE`, all cell contents of the Excel file will be written as text. Default is FALSE. See Details.

row.names If TRUE, the row names of the data frames are included in the Excel
file worksheets.

col.names If TRUE, the column names of the data frames are included in the
Excel file worksheets.

AutoFilter If TRUE, will add autofiltering to each column in each worksheet.
Note that not all spreadsheet applications support this feature.

BoldHeaderRow If TRUE, will apply a bold font to the header row for each work-
sheet.

ReadOnly If TRUE, each worksheet will be set to Read Only (Protected mode)
to prevent inadvertent changes to the contents when the file is opened in
Excel or a compatible application. See Details.

na The string to use for missing values in the data. Defaults to ""

envir The environment in which to look for the data frames named in x. This
defaults to the environment in which WriteXLS was called.

Value

the file name invisibly.

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scanReport   *Read data into vector or list using function* scan.

Description

Read data into vector or list using function scan.

Usage

```
scanReport(
  task,
  type,
  ext = "txt",
  subdir = NULL,
  dirCreate = TRUE,
  what = "",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

task   Object of class D4TAlinkTask, as created by initTask.

type   Filename type. If the type is an array, the cocatenation of the elements is used
              with separator"-". Filenames have the form [task name]_[type].[ext]

ext   Filename extension.

subdir   (optional) Subdirectory.

dirCreate   Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

what   the [type](#) of what gives the type of data to be read. (Here 'type' is used in
             the sense of [typeof](#).) The supported types are logical, integer, numeric,
             complex, character, raw and [list](#). If what is a list, it is assumed that the lines
             of the data file are records each containing length(what) items ('fields') and
             the list components should have elements which are one of the first six ([atomic](#))
             types listed or NULL, see section 'Details' below.

...   Arguments passed on to [base::scan](#)

             file the name of a file to read data values from. If the specified file is "",
                 then input is taken from the keyboard (or whatever [stdin](#)() reads if input
                 is redirected or R is embedded). (In this case input can be terminated by a
                 blank line or an EOF signal, 'Ctrl-D' on Unix and 'Ctrl-Z' on Windows.)
                 Otherwise, the file name is interpreted *relative* to the current working di-
                 rectory (given by [getwd](#)()), unless it specifies an *absolute* path. Tilde-
                 expansion is performed where supported. When running R from a script,
                 file = "stdin" can be used to refer to the process's stdin file stream.
                 This can be a compressed file (see [file](#)).
                 Alternatively, file can be a [connection](#), which will be opened if neces-
                 sary, and if so closed at the end of the function call. Whatever mode the
                 connection is opened in, any of LF, CRLF or CR will be accepted as the
                 EOL marker for a line and so will match sep = "\n".
                 file can also be a complete URL. (For the supported URL schemes, see
                 the 'URLs' section of the help for [url](#).)
                 To read a data file not in the current encoding (for example a Latin-1 file in
                 a UTF-8 locale or conversely) use a [file](#) connection setting its encoding
                 argument (or scan's fileEncoding argument).

             nmax the maximum number of data values to be read, or if what is a list, the
                 maximum number of records to be read. If omitted or not positive or an
                 invalid value for an integer (and nlines is not set to a positive value), scan
                 will read to the end of file.

             n integer: the maximum number of data values to be read, defaulting to no limit.
                 Invalid values will be ignored.

             sep by default, scan expects to read 'white-space' delimited input fields. Al-
                 ternatively, sep can be used to specify a character which delimits fields. A
                 field is always delimited by an end-of-line marker unless it is quoted.
                 If specified this should be the empty character string (the default) or NULL
                 or a character string containing just one single-byte character.

             quote the set of quoting characters as a single character string or NULL. In a
                 multibyte locale the quoting characters must be ASCII (single-byte).

             dec decimal point character. This should be a character string containing just
                 one single-byte character. (NULL and a zero-length character vector are also
                 accepted, and taken as the default.)

             skip the number of lines of the input file to skip before beginning to read data
                 values.

             nlines if positive, the maximum number of lines of data to be read.

             na.strings character vector. Elements of this vector are to be interpreted as
                 missing ([NA](#)) values. Blank fields are also considered to be missing values

in logical, integer, numeric and complex fields. Note that the test happens *after* white space is stripped from the input, so na.strings values may need their own white space stripped in advance.

flush logical: if TRUE, scan will flush to the end of the line after reading the last of the fields requested. This allows putting comments after the last field, but precludes putting more that one record on a line.

fill logical: if TRUE, scan will implicitly add empty fields to any lines with fewer fields than implied by what.

strip.white vector of logical value(s) corresponding to items in the what argument. It is used only when sep has been specified, and allows the stripping of leading and trailing 'white space' from character fields (numeric fields are always stripped). Note: white space inside quoted strings is not stripped.

If strip.white is of length 1, it applies to all fields; otherwise, if strip.white[i] is TRUE *and* the i-th field is of mode character (because what[i] is) then the leading and trailing unquoted white space from field i is stripped.

quiet logical: if FALSE (default), scan() will print a line, saying how many items have been read.

blank.lines.skip logical: if TRUE blank lines in the input are ignored, except when counting skip and nlines.

multi.line logical. Only used if what is a list. If FALSE, all of a record must appear on one line (but more than one record can appear on a single line). Note that using fill = TRUE implies that a record will be terminated at the end of a line.

comment.char character: a character vector of length one containing a single character or an empty string. Use "" to turn off the interpretation of comments altogether (the default).

allowEscapes logical. Should C-style escapes such as '\n' be processed (the default) or read verbatim? Note that if not within quotes these could be interpreted as a delimiter (but not as a comment character).

The escapes which are interpreted are the control characters '\a, \b, \f, \n, \r, \t, \v' and octal and hexadecimal representations like '\040' and '\0x2A'. Any other escaped character is treated as itself, including backslash. Note that Unicode escapes (starting '\u' or '\U': see [Quotes](#)) are never processed.

fileEncoding character string: if non-empty declares the encoding used on a file (not a connection nor the keyboard) so the character data can be re-encoded. See the 'Encoding' section of the help for [file](#), and the 'R Data Import/Export Manual'.

encoding encoding to be assumed for input strings. If the value is "latin1" or "UTF-8" it is used to mark character strings as known to be in Latin-1 or UTF-8: it is not used to re-encode the input (see fileEncoding). See also 'Details'.

text character string: if file is not supplied and this is, then data are read from the value of text via a text connection.

skipNul logical: should nuls be skipped when reading character fields?

Value

the data read, or `NULL` if the file does not exist.

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setTaskAuthor   *Set the name of the tasks author.*

Description

Set the name of the tasks author.

Usage

```
setTaskAuthor(author)
```

Arguments

author   Author name, system username by default.

Value

The current name of the tasks author.

Examples

```
setTaskAuthor("Doe Johns")
```

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setTaskEnckey   *Set the encryption key for binary data files.*

Description

Set the encryption key for binary data files.

Usage

```
setTaskEnckey(key)
```

Arguments

key   encryption key, if NULL then query key from user.

Value

`NULL` invisibly.

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setTaskRmdTemplate   *Set the path to the Rmd task template.*

Description

Set the path to the Rmd task template.

Usage

```
setTaskRmdTemplate(file, encoding = "unknown")
```

Arguments

file   path to the Rmd task template.

encoding   encoding to be assumed for input strings. It is used to mark character strings as
                known to be in Latin-1, UTF-8 or to be bytes: it is not used to re-encode the
                input. To do the latter, specify the encoding as part of the connection con or via
                [options](encoding=): see the examples and 'Details'.

Value

The path to the Rmd task template invisibly.

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setTaskRoot   *Set the root of the task repository.*

Description

Set the root of the task repository.

Usage

```
setTaskRoot(rootpath, dirCreate = FALSE)
```

Arguments

rootpath   Path of the task repository, default set by setTaskRoot.

dirCreate   Logical, if TRUE (by default) the directory is created.

Value

Path to the current task root.

setTaskRscriptTemplate

Set the path to the R script task template.

Description

Set the path to the R script task template.

Usage

```
setTaskRscriptTemplate(file)
```

Arguments

file   path to the Rmd task template.

Value

The path to the Rmd task template invisibly.

---

setTaskSponsor   *Set the name of the tasks sponsor.*

Description

Set the name of the tasks sponsor.

Usage

```
setTaskSponsor(sponsor)
```

Arguments

sponsor   Sponsor name, default set by [setTaskSponsor](#).

Value

The current name of the tasks sponsor.

Examples

```
setTaskSponsor("SQU4RE")
```

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setTaskStructure   *Set task repository directory structure.*

Description

Set task repository directory structure.

Usage

```
setTaskStructure(pathgen)
```

Arguments

pathgen   optional function returning a list of paths, currently pathsGLPG or pathsPMS.

Value

The task directory structure function invisibly.

Examples

```
fun <- function(project,package,taskname,sponsor) {
  basePath <- file.path("%ROOT%",sponsor,project,package)
  list(
    root = "%ROOT%",
    datasrc = file.path(basePath, "raw", "data_source"),
    data = file.path(basePath, "output","adhoc",taskname),
    bin  = file.path(basePath, "output","adhoc",taskname,"bin"),
    code = file.path(basePath, "progs"),
    doc  = file.path(basePath, "docs"),
    log  = file.path(basePath, "output","log")
  )
}
setTaskStructure(fun)
```

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taskID   *Get task identifier string.*

Description

Get task identifier string.

Usage

```
taskID(task, sep = "/")
```

Arguments

task   Object of class `D4TAlinkTask`, as created by `initTask`.

sep   the field separator character, default: "/".

Value

String with task ID as:[sponsor][sep][project][sep][package][sep][task]

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