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alphavantage	<i>Retrieve real-time data from AlphaVantage</i>
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**Description**

Fetch a real-time market data series from AlphaVantage

**Usage**

alphavantage(sym)

**Arguments**

sym	Character value for the ticker
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**Details**

Several optional parameters could be set, but are not currently.

**Value**

A data.table object

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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as.data.table.xts      *Convert an xts object into a data.table*

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**Description**

Convert an xts object into a data.table

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'xts'  
as.data.table(x)  
  
as.data.table(x)  
  
## Default S3 method:  
as.data.table(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An xts object
...	Catch-all arguments passed on to methods

**Details**

This is still experimental. Note that all four *added* columns are keys to the data.table object, and that `setNumericRounding(0)` is executed too,

**Value**

A data.table object with new columns date, time, micros, pt providing, respectively the data as IDate, time as ITime, microseconds (rounded) and numeric POSIXct.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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assignFormals      *Assign formal arguments from function*

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**Description**

Debugging helper to assign formals from function

**Usage**

```
assignFormals(f, env = .GlobalEnv)
```

**Arguments**

f                    A function  
 env                 An environment to assign the values to, defaults to global environment,

**Details**

(Beta) Attempt get default values from a given function, extracting its arguments and assigning which should help in debugging via browser() and other helper functions.

**Value**

Nothing, but a side effect of assignment in global environment

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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checkCRANStatus            *Maintainer Status at CRAN*

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**Description**

Report Maintainer Status at CRAN

**Usage**

```
checkCRANStatus(email, cache, cache.life = 24 * 3600)
```

**Arguments**

email                A character variable with the maintainer email  
 cache                A character variable with an optional cache file, default value is to use a file inside the per-session temporary directory  
 cache.life          A numeric timeout, defaults to one day

**Details**

This function retrieves the maintainer status (given an email) at CRAN. Values are optionally cached; the default cache location is inside the per-session temporary directory as R should not write elsewhere.

**Value**

Nothing, the sideeffect of the display is the main effect

**Author(s)**

Brodie Gaslam (with minor modifications by Dirk Eddelbuettel)

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checkPackageAsciiCode *checkPackageAsciiCode*

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**Description**

Check a package directory for non-ASCII characters in source files.

**Usage**

```
checkPackageAsciiCode(dir, respect_quotes = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`dir` Character variable with path to directory to be checked  
`respect_quotes` Logical variable whether quotes need to be checked

**Details**

The function is a renamed and slightly edited copy of the base R function `.check_package_ASCII_code`. It uses an unexported C function, also included, from base R, called as `_check_nonASCII`.

**Value**

A vector of things that are wrong per this function, also displayed on standard output

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel for this version, R Core for the underlying code

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
checkPackageAsciiCode(".", FALSE)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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demotivate *Display a demotivating quote*

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**Description**

Display a demotivating quote to remind the users of the harsh reality econometric and statistical practice.

**Usage**

```
demotivate(x, width = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A index value chosen to select a quote; if not given a quote is chosen randomly.  
width                The desired display width.

**Details**

This function is a port of demotivate command for 'Stata' from the ado file at <http://fmwww.bc.edu/repec/bocode/d/demotivate.ado>.

**Value**

The formatted is returned invisibly.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddebuettel for this function, and Kevin Denny for the 'Stata' original.

**See Also**

<https://ideas.repec.org/c/boc/bocode/s458576.html>

**Examples**

```
demotivate()
```

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```
getGitRoot                    Are we in a git repository?
```

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**Description**

The getGitRoot() function recursively ascends the filesystem tree from the given directory until it either finds a directory .git, or the top-level directory to abort the search. The root directory of the git repository is returned, with an empty string in the case of no repository. The inGit() function turns this into boolean predicate returning either TRUE or FALSE.

**Usage**

```
getGitRoot(cwd = getwd())
```

```
inGit(cwd = getwd())
```

**Arguments**

cwd                    The start directory, default to the current working directory

**Value**

For `getGitRoot()`, the path of the directory containing the `.git` directory, ie the project root directory, or an empty string in case the search started outside a git directory. The `inGit()` function returns a boolean as to whether a git repository was found or not.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
inGit()
```

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googleFinanceData	<i>Historical Price Data Download from Google Finance</i>
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**Description**

Download historical time series from Google Finance

**Usage**

```
googleFinanceData(sym, current = TRUE, sy = 2005, sm = 1, sd = 1, ey,  
em, ed)
```

**Arguments**

sym	A character string for a (tradeable) symbol
current	A logical switch to indicate whether the current time is the endtime
sy	An integer value for the start year, default is 2005
sm	An integer value for the start month, default is 1
sd	An integer value for the start date, default is 1
ey	An optional integer value for the end year, required if current is false
em	An optional integer value for the end month, required if current is false
ed	An optional integer value for the end day, required if current is false

**Details**

The function uses an (unofficial) older CGI-style interface at Google to download historical data.

**Value**

A `data.table` object with a key on date

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**See Also**

The post at <https://web.archive.org/web/20221007040328/https://chrisconlan.com/download-historical-sto> provided the initial starting point

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intradayMarketMonitor *Intra-day market monitor*

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**Description**

Intra-day Market Monitor for Security Prices

**Usage**

```
intradayMarketMonitor(symbol = "^GSPC", defaultTZ = "America/Chicago",
  sleep = 10)
```

**Arguments**

symbol	A character variable with symbol understood by getQuote from package <b>quantmod</b> , default value is “^GSPC”.
defaultTZ	A character variable with the (local) timezone used for displaying the data, default value is “America/Chicagp”.
sleep	An optional numerical value for the delay between updates, default is 10.

**Details**

This function periodically queries a public data source for a current price of given symbol and updates an intra-daily chart for that security. A working example is symbol “^GSPC” for the S&P500 index which can be obtained in real-time during (New York) trading hours. Other symbols may work.

An alternate version offering 24-hour coverage, for example for futures on Globex, is being prepared.

The function could be further generalized in numerous way and should be considered ‘alpha’. Current default values are a 15 second sleep, and fixed cut-off times for market open/close states corresponding to NYSE hours. The data history is reset to the two most recent days at the close, and the data is snapshot to file (with the filename derived from the symbol, and the path given by `tools::R_user_dir`). These parameters might become configuration parameters in the future.

**Value**

Nothing is returned, but a display of the current price and the recent history is updated, and the loops loops ‘forever’.



**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel extending and refactoring the original code by Josh Ulrich

**See Also**

<https://gist.github.com/joshuaulrich/ee11ef67b1461df399b84efd3c8f9f67#file-intraday-sp500-r>

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("quantmod", quietly)) {           # only suggested packages used
  suppressMessages({library(xts);library(quantmod)}) # dampen noise, add dang as needed
  intradayMarketMonitor()
}
```

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isConnected

*Is the current session (networked) and connected?*

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**Description**

Function to (heuristically) test for a network connection by attempting to connect to a given website.

**Usage**

```
isConnected(site = "https://www.google.com")
```

**Arguments**

site                    Character variable with site to try to connect to, defaults to `http://www.google.com`

**Details**

The main page of Google is used as a proxy for overall network connectivity as Google is generally 'network-close' and the page is relatively small. If a network is unavailable this fails generally already on domain name service resolution. Special thanks to Barry and Brodie for a very helpful discussion re-discovering this function.

**Value**

A boolean value indicating networking status

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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`limitDataTableCores`     *Set data.table threads respecting default settings*

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### Description

Set threads for `data.table` respecting possible local settings

### Usage

```
limitDataTableCores(ncores, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

`ncores`             A numeric or character variable with the desired count of threads to use  
`verbose`             A logical value with a default of 'FALSE' to operate more verbosely

### Details

This function set the number of threads **data.table** will use while reflecting two possible machine-specific settings from the environment variable 'OMP\_THREAD\_LIMIT' as well as the R option 'Ncpus' (uses e.g. for parallel builds).

### Value

The return value of the **data.table** function `setDTthreads` which is called as a side-effect.

### Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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`ls.objects`             *List largest objects and show memory use*

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### Description

List object and memory used by these objects

### Usage

```
ls.objects(pos = 1, pattern, order.by, decreasing = FALSE, head = FALSE,  
          n = 5)
```

```
lsos(..., n = 10)
```

```
showMemoryUse(sort = "size", decreasing = FALSE, limit)
```

**Arguments**

<code>pos</code>	Position in search path, defaults to 1
<code>pattern</code>	Pattern argument pass on to <code>ls</code>
<code>order.by</code>	Optional sort order column
<code>decreasing</code>	Optional switch for decreasing or increasing sort order
<code>head</code>	Optional switch to show <code>head(..., n)</code>
<code>n</code>	Number of elements to show, default to 5
<code>...</code>	Passed through from <code>lsos</code> to <code>ls.objects</code>
<code>sort</code>	Sort columns, defaults to 'size'
<code>limit</code>	Optional cap on displayed number of items

**Details**

These helper functions have evolved over the years; some were also posted on StackOverflow in response to <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1358003/tricks-to-manage-the-available-memory-in-an-r-s>

**Value**

The displayed data.frame is returned to, the main purpose effect however is the displayed information

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel, based on and extending code in mailing list posts by Petr Pikal and David Hinds

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<code>motivate</code>	<i>Display a motivating quote</i>
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**Description**

Display a motivating quote for users.

**Usage**

```
motivate(x, width = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A index value chosen to select a quote; if not given a quote is chosen randomly.
<code>width</code>	The desired display width.

**Details**

This function is a port of `motivate` command for 'Stata' from the ado file at <http://fmwww.bc.edu/repec/bocode/m/motivate.ado>

**Value**

The formatted is returned invisibly.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel for this function, and Kabira Namit for the 'Stata' original.

**See Also**

<https://ideas.repec.org/c/boc/bocode/s458565.html>

**Examples**

```
motivate()
```

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muteTweeters

*Mute Twitter Users with Excessive Hashtag Use*

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**Description**

Mutes Twitter accounts using for than 'ncrit' hashtags among 'N' tweets in search of along with of 'term'.

**Usage**

```
muteTweeters(term = "#rstats", N = 1000, ncrit = 10)
```

**Arguments**

term	A character variable to search for, defaults to '#rstats'
N	An number of tweets to fetch, defaults to 1000
ncrit	A number of hashtags after which use is deemed excessive, defaults to 10

**Details**

This is a modified version of the code in a wonderful tweet by Colin Gillespie (csgillespie) on 2020-August-26. It requires the `rtweet` and `data.table` packages.

**Value**

NULL, invisibly, but the function is invoked for the side effect of calling `post_mute`.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## mute users with more than 10 hashtags among
## the 1000 most recent #rstats tweets
muteTweeters("#rstats", 1000, 10)

## End(Not run)
```

plotOBOS

*Plot Overbought/Oversold Regions for A Stock or ETF***Description**

Compute and display overbought and oversold regions

**Usage**

```
plotOBOS(symbol, n = 50, type = c("sma", "ema", "zlema", "hma"),
  years = 1, blue = TRUE, current = TRUE, title = symbol,
  ticks = TRUE, axes = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

symbol	A (required) character string for stock symbol, or alternatively a xts or zoo object with data
n	An optional integer for the moving average length, defaults to 50
type	An optional character string for the type of moving average; currently supported are 'SMA', 'EMA', 'ZLEMA', and 'HMA'.
years	An optional numeric or integer value for the number of years of data to display, defaults to one
blue	An optional boolean determining whether blue or gray tones are used, defaults to true implying blue tones
current	An optional boolean determining whether the current date is the end date
title	An optional character string for the plot title, defaults to the symbol
ticks	An optional boolean indicating whether ticks are plotted, passed on to plot.xts, defaults to true
axes	An optional boolean indicating whether axes are plotted, passed on to plot.xts, defaults to true

**Details**

This function computes a smoothed version of the price using a moving average (with one of several possible methods) as well as a standard deviation band, and displays one and two standard deviations around the smoothed price.

**Value**

NULL as the function is invoked for the side effect of the plot

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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print.xts	<i>Printing helper function for xts object</i>
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**Description**

Print helper function for xts objects.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'xts'
print(x, ..., n = 10)
```

**Arguments**

x	An xts objects
...	Ignored, but needed for consistency with print generic.
n	The default number of lines to display, default is 10.

**Value**

The return from print

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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readAndConvert	<i>readAndConvert</i>
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**Description**

Read a file in a different encoding and return it as UTF-8 using iconv

**Usage**

```
readAndConvert(filename, encoding = "")
```

**Arguments**

filename	Character variable with path a file with text in encoding
encoding	Optional character variable with the encoding, if unset via the default empty string value no conversion is attempted.

**Details**

The function is an adapted version of the one in the Rcpp Gallery post at <https://gallery.rcpp.org/articles/iconv-via-r-header/> which is itself based on <https://dewey.dunnington.ca/post/2021/using-rs-cross-platform-iconv-wrapper-from-cpp11/>. It is however worth pointing out that 'iconv' results have been seen to vary across operating systems. While it is *portable* it does not guarantee identical outcomes across implementations: results on Windows have different from those on Unix OSs.

**Value**

A character variable with converted file content.

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rollMinMax	<i>Rolling Minimum or Maximum over a Fixed Window</i>
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**Description**

This implementation is minimal without error checking, or NA handling. It is taken from the **ichimoku** package which had several more complicated variants, and is reused here with just **tidy-Cpp**.

**Usage**

```
rollMinMax(x, window, min = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numeric vector.
window	An interger with the size of the rolling window.
min	A logical which, if true, selects minimum, else maximum

**Details**

The **ichimoku** variant is by Charlie Gao and credits Andrew Uhl for the initial implementation.

**Value**

A vector of the same length as 'x' with elements 1 to (length(window) - 1) containing NAs.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel for this version, R Core for the underlying code

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shadowedPackages	<i>Find Shadowed Packages</i>
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**Description**

Return a data.table object with ‘shadowed’ packages, meaning package which are installed in more than directory on the .libPaths.

**Usage**

```
shadowedPackages()
```

**Details**

The function relies on the base R functions `installed.packages()` to find all packages, as well as the base R ability to compare version numbers (once properly converted to `package_version` type).

**Value**

data.table object with packages that are shadowed

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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silent	<i>Silently load a library</i>
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**Description**

Silently attach a library to the search path.

**Usage**

```
silent(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Passed though

**Details**

This function wraps `suppressMessages` around the call to `library`



**Value**

Nothing, but the desired library is attached

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

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<code>str.language</code>	<i>Print a parse tree</i>
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**Description**

Print a parse tree

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'language'  
str(expr, name = "", indent = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>expr</code>	An R language expression to be parse and displayed
<code>name</code>	An optional character value with default "" to annotate the display
<code>indent</code>	An optional numeric value with default 0 to provide additional indentation

**Value**

The expression, invisibly

**Author(s)**

Bill Dunlap (and posted to r-devel on 4 Feb 2022)

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<code>wday</code>	<i>wday</i>
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**Description**

Return the day of the week as an integer

**Usage**

```
wday(date = Sys.Date())
```

**Arguments**

date                    A Date object, with the current date as the default

**Details**

This function simply wraps around the `as.POSIXlt` function and returns its `wday` field.

**Value**

A integer with the weekday component of the date

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ymd                    *Format a Date(time) object as ymd*

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**Description**

Format a Date(time) object as ymd

**Usage**

```
ymd(pt)
```

**Arguments**

pt                    A POSIXt Datetime or a Date object

**Value**

A character object formatted as ‘YYYYMMDD’

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
if (requireNamespace("anytime", quietly=TRUE)) {  
  ymd(anytime::anytime("2016-09-01 10:11:12.123456"))  
  ymd(anytime::anydate("2016-Sep-01"))  
}
```

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