

# Package ‘JuliaCall’

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autowrap

*Use automatic wrapper for julia type.*

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### Description

autowrap tells ‘JuliaCall’ to use automatic wrapper for julia type.

### Usage

```
autowrap(type, fields = NULL, methods = c())
```

### Arguments

type	the julia type to wrap.
fields	names of fields to be included in the wrapper. If the value is NULL, then every julia fields will be included in the wrapper.
methods	names of methods to be overloaded for the wrapper.

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call	<i>Call julia functions.</i>
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### Description

`julia_do.call` is the `do.call` for julia. And `julia_call` calls julia functions. For usage of these functions, see documentation of arguments and examples.

### Usage

```
julia_do.call(func_name, arg_list, need_return = c("R", "Julia", "None"),
             show_value = FALSE)
```

```
julia_call(func_name, ..., need_return = c("R", "Julia", "None"),
           show_value = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>func_name</code>	the name of julia function you want to call. If you add "." after 'func_name', the julia function call will be broadcasted.
<code>arg_list</code>	the list of the arguments you want to pass to the julia function.
<code>need_return</code>	whether you want julia to return value as an R object, a wrapper for julia object or no return. The value of <code>need_return</code> could be TRUE (equal to option "R") or FALSE (equal to option "None"), or one of the options "R", "Julia" and "None".
<code>show_value</code>	whether to invoke the julia display system or not.
<code>...</code>	the arguments you want to pass to the julia function.

### Details

Note that named arguments will be discarded if the call uses dot notation, for example, "sqrt."

### Examples

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_do.call("sqrt", list(2))
julia_call("sqrt", 2)
julia_call("sqrt.", 1:10)
```

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eng_juliacall	<i>Julia language engine in R Markdown</i>
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**Description**

Julia language engine in R Markdown

**Usage**

```
eng_juliacall(options)
```

**Arguments**

options            a list of chunk options

**Examples**

```
knitr::knit_engines$set(julia = JuliaCall::eng_juliacall)
```

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JuliaCall	<i>JuliaCall: Seamless Integration Between R and Julia.</i>
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**Description**

JuliaCall provides you with functions to call Julia functions and to use Julia packages as easy as possible.

**Examples**

```
## The examples are quite time consuming

## Do initiation for JuliaCall

julia <- julia_setup()

## Different ways for calculating `sqrt(2)`

# julia$command("a = sqrt(2)"); julia$eval("a")
julia_command("a = sqrt(2)"); julia_eval("a")

# julia$eval("sqrt(2)")
julia_eval("sqrt(2)")

# julia$call("sqrt", 2)
```

```
julia_call("sqrt", 2)

# julia$eval("sqrt")(2)
julia_eval("sqrt")(2)

## You can use `julia_exists` as `exists` in R to test
## whether a function or name exists in Julia or not

# julia$exists("sqrt")
julia_exists("sqrt")

## You can use `julia$help` to get help for Julia functions

# julia$help("sqrt")
julia_help("sqrt")

## You can install and use Julia packages through JuliaCall

# julia$install_package("Optim")
julia_install_package("Optim")

# julia$install_package_if_needed("Optim")
julia_install_package_if_needed("Optim")

# julia$installed_package("Optim")
julia_installed_package("Optim")

# julia$library("Optim")
julia_library("Optim")
```

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JuliaObject

*Convert an R Object to Julia Object.*

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### **Description**

JuliaObject converts an R object to julia object and returns a reference of the corresponding julia object.

### **Usage**

```
JuliaObject(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x                    the R object you want to convert to julia object.

### **Value**

an environment of class JuliaObject, which contains an id corresponding to the actual julia object.

## Examples

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
a <- JuliaObject(1)
```

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JuliaObjectFields      *JuliaObject Fields.*

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## Description

Get the field names, get or set certain fields of an JuliaObject.

## Usage

```
fields(object)

## S3 method for class 'JuliaObject'
fields(object)

field(object, name)

## S3 method for class 'JuliaObject'
field(object, name)

field(object, name) <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'JuliaObject'
field(object, name) <- value
```

## Arguments

object	the JuliaObject.
name	a character string specifying the fields to be accessed or set.
value	the new value of the field of the JuliaObject.

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julia_assign	<i>Assign a value to a name in julia.</i>
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**Description**

julia\_assign assigns a value to a name in julia with automatic type conversion.

**Usage**

```
julia_assign(x, value)
```

**Arguments**

x	a variable name, given as a character string.
value	a value to be assigned to x, note that R value will be converted to corresponding julia value automatically.

**Examples**

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_assign("x", 2)
julia_assign("rsqrt", sqrt)
```

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julia_command	<i>Evaluate string commands in julia and (may) invoke the julia display system.</i>
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**Description**

julia\_command evaluates string commands in julia without returning the result back to R. However, it may evoke julia display system, see the documentation of the argument 'show\_value' for more details. If you need to get the evaluation result in R, you can use julia\_eval.

**Usage**

```
julia_command(cmd, show_value = !endsWith(trimws(cmd, "right"), ";"))
```

**Arguments**

cmd	the command string you want to evaluate in julia.
show_value	whether to display julia returning value or not, the default value is 'FALSE' if the 'cmd' ends with semicolon and 'TRUE' otherwise.

**Examples**

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_command("a = sqrt(2);")
```

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julia_console	<i>Open julia console.</i>
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**Description**

Open julia console.

**Usage**

```
julia_console()
```

**Examples**

```
## Not run: ## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_console()

## End(Not run)
```

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julia_eval	<i>Evaluate string commands in julia and get the result back in R.</i>
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**Description**

julia\_eval evaluates string commands in julia and returns the result to R. The returning julia object will be automatically converted to an R object or a JuliaObject wrapper, see the documentation of the argument 'need\_return' for more details. 'julia\_eval' will not invoke julia display system. If you don't need the returning result in R or you want to invoke the julia display system, you can use julia\_command.

**Usage**

```
julia_eval(cmd, need_return = c("R", "Julia"))
```

**Arguments**

cmd	the command string you want to evaluate in julia.
need_return	whether you want julia to return value as an R object or a wrapper for julia object.



**Value**

the R object automatically converted from julia object.

**Examples**

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_eval("sqrt(2)")
```

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julia\_exists

*Check whether a julia object with the given name exists or not.*

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**Description**

julia\_exists returns whether a julia object with the given name exists or not.

**Usage**

```
julia_exists(name)
```

**Arguments**

name            the name of julia object you want to check.

**Examples**

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_exists("sqrt")
```

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julia\_help

*Get help for a julia function.*

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**Description**

julia\_help outputs the documentation of a julia function.

**Usage**

```
julia_help(fname)
```

**Arguments**

fname            the name of julia function you want to get help with.

**Examples**

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
julia_help("sqrt")
```

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julia\_package            *Using julia packages.*

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**Description**

Using julia packages.

**Usage**

```
julia_install_package(pkg_name)
julia_installed_package(pkg_name)
julia_install_package_if_needed(pkg_name)
julia_update_package(...)
julia_library(pkg_name)
```

**Arguments**

pkg\_name            the julia package name.  
...                you can provide none or one or multiple julia package names here.

**Value**

julia\_installed\_package will return the version number of the julia package, "nothing" if the package is not installed.

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`julia_setup`*Do initial setup for the JuliaCall package.*

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### Description

`julia_setup` does the initial setup for the JuliaCall package. It setups automatic type conversion, Julia display systems, etc, and is necessary for every new R session to use the package. If not carried out manually, it will be invoked automatically before other `julia_XXX` functions.

### Usage

```
julia_setup(JULIA_HOME = NULL, verbose = TRUE, install = TRUE,  
            force = FALSE, useRCall = TRUE, rebuild = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>JULIA_HOME</code>	the file folder which contains julia binary, if not set, JuliaCall will look at the global option <code>JULIA_HOME</code> , if the global option is not set, JuliaCall will then look at the environmental variable <code>JULIA_HOME</code> , if still not found, JuliaCall will try to use the julia in path.
<code>verbose</code>	whether to print out detailed information about <code>julia_setup</code> .
<code>install</code>	whether to execute installation script for dependent julia packages, whose default value is <code>TRUE</code> ; but can be set to <code>FALSE</code> to save startup time when no installation of dependent julia packages is needed.
<code>force</code>	whether to force <code>julia_setup</code> to execute again.
<code>useRCall</code>	whether or not you want to use <code>RCall.jl</code> in julia, which is an amazing package to access R in julia.
<code>rebuild</code>	whether to rebuild <code>RCall.jl</code> , whose default value is <code>FALSE</code> to save startup time. If a new version of R is used, then this parameter needs to be set to <code>TRUE</code> .

### Value

The julia interface, which is an environment with the necessary methods like `command`, `source` and things like that to communicate with julia.

### Examples

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming  
julia <- julia_setup()
```

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julia_source	<i>Source a julia source file.</i>
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**Description**

julia\_source sources a julia source file.

**Usage**

```
julia_source(file_name)
```

**Arguments**

file_name	the name of julia source file.
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plotsViewer	<i>Julia plots viewer in R.</i>
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**Description**

plotsViewer lets you view julia plots in R.

**Usage**

```
plotsViewer()
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%>J%	<i>Language piper for julia language.</i>
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**Description**

The experimental language piper for julia language.

**Usage**

```
obj %>J% func_call
```

**Arguments**

obj	the object to pass to the piper.
func_call	the impartial julia function call.

### Examples

```
## julia_setup is quite time consuming
2 %>J% sqrt
3 %>J% log(2)
```

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