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inline-package

*Inline C, C++, Fortran function calls from R*

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### Description

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### See Also

[cfunction](#), [cxxfunction](#)

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cfunction

*Inline C, C++, Fortran function calls from R*

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### Description

Functionality to dynamically define R functions and S4 methods with in-lined C, C++ or Fortran code supporting `.C` and `.Call` calling conventions.

### Usage

```
cfunction(sig=character(), body=character(), includes=character(),
          otherdefs=character(),
          language=c("C++", "C", "Fortran", "F95", "ObjectiveC", "ObjectiveC++"),
          verbose=FALSE,
          convention=c(".Call", ".C", ".Fortran"),
```

```

Rcpp=FALSE,
cppargs=character(), cxxargs=character(), libargs=character(),
dim=NULL, implicit=NULL, module=NULL)

## S4 methods for signatures
# f='character', sig='list', body='list'
# f='character', sig='character', body='character'

setCMethod(f, sig, body, ...)

## Further arguments:
# setCMethod(f, sig, body, includes="", otherdefs="", cpp=TRUE,
# verbose=FALSE, where=topenv(.GlobalEnv), ...)

```

## Arguments

f	A single character value if sig and body are character vectors or a character vector of the same length and the length of sig or body with the name(s) of methods to create.
sig	A match of formal argument names for the function with the character-string names of corresponding classes. Alternatively, a list of such character vectors.
body	A character vector with C, C++ or Fortran code omitting function declaration (only the body, i.e. in case of C starting after the function opening curly bracket and ending before the closing curly bracket, brackets excluded). In case of setCMethod with signature list – a list of such character vectors.
includes	A character vector of additional includes and preprocessor statements etc that will be put between the R includes and the user function(s).
otherdefs	A character vector with the code for any further definitions of functions, classes, types, forward declarations, namespace usage clauses etc which is inserted between the includes and the declarations of the functions defined in sig.
language	A character value that specifies the source language of the inline code. The possible values for language include all those supported by R CMD SHLIB on any platform, which are currently C, C++, Fortran, F95, ObjectiveC and ObjectiveC++; they may not all be supported on your platform. One can specify the language either in full as above, or using any of the following case insensitive shortened forms: c, cpp, c++, f, f95, objc, objcpp, objc++. Defaults to C++.
verbose	If TRUE prints the compilation output, the source code of the resulting program and the definitions of all declared methods. If FALSE, the function is silent, but it prints compiler warning and error messages and the source code if compilation fails.
convention	Which calling convention to use? See the Details section.
Rcpp	If TRUE adds inclusion of Rcpp.h to includes, also queries the Rcpp package about the location of header and library files and sets environment variables PKG_CXXFLAGS and PKG_LIBS accordingly so that the R / C++ interface provided by the Rcpp package can be used. Default value is FALSE.

<code>cppargs</code>	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the <code>PKG_CPPFLAGS</code> environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example <code>c("-I/usr/local/lib/foo", "-"</code> and are passed along verbatim.
<code>cxxargs</code>	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the <code>PKG_CXXFLAGS</code> environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example <code>c("-I/usr/local/lib/foo", "-"</code> and are passed along verbatim.
<code>libargs</code>	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the <code>PKG_LIBS</code> environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example <code>c("-L/usr/local/lib/foo -lfo"</code> and are passed along verbatim.
<code>dim</code>	Optional character vector defining the dimensionality of the function arguments. Of same length as <code>sig</code> . Fortran or F95 only.
<code>implicit</code>	A character vector defining the implicit declaration in Fortran or F95; the default is to use the implicit typing rules for Fortran, which is <code>integer</code> for names starting with the letters I through N, and <code>real</code> for names beginning with any other letter. As R passes double precision, this is not the best choice. Safest is to choose <code>implicit = "none"</code> which will require all names in the subroutine to be explicitly declared.
<code>module</code>	Name(s) of any modules to be used in the Fortran or F95 subroutine.
<code>...</code>	Reserved.

## Details

To declare multiple functions in the same library one can use `setCMethod` supplying lists of signatures and implementations. In this case, provide as many method names in `f` as you define methods. Avoid clashes when selecting names of the methods to declare, i.e. if you provide the same name several times you must ensure that signatures are different but can share the same generic!

The source code in the body should not include the header or "front-matter" of the function or the close, e.g. in C or C++ it must start after the C-function opening curly bracket and end before the C-function closing curly bracket, brackets should not be included. The header will be automatically generated from the R-signature argument. Arguments will carry the same name as used in the signature, so avoid variable names that are not legal in the target language (e.g. names with dots).

C/C++: If `convention == ".Call"` (the default), the `.Call` mechanism is used and its result is returned directly as the result of the call of the generated function. As the last line of the generated C/C++ code a `return R_NilValue;` is added in this case and a warning is generated in case the user has forgotten to provide a return value. To suppress the warning and still return NULL, add `return R_NilValue;` explicitly.

Special care is needed with types, memory allocation and protection – exactly the same as if the code was not inline: see the Writing R Extension manual for information on `.Call`.

If `convention == ".C"` or `convention == ".Fortran"`, the `.C` or `.Fortran` mechanism respectively is used, and the return value is a list containing all arguments.

Attached R includes `include R.h` for `".C"`, and additionally `Rdefines.h` and `R_ext\Error.h` for `".Call"`.

**Value**

If `sig` is a single character vector, `cfunction` returns a single [function](#); if it is a list, it returns a list of functions.

`setCMethod` declares new methods with given names and signatures and returns invisible `NULL`.

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**See Also**

[Foreign](#) Function Interface

**Examples**

```
x <- as.numeric(1:10)
n <- as.integer(10)

## Not run:
## A simple Fortran example - n and x: assumed-size vector
code <- "
  integer i
  do 1 i=1, n(1)
  1 x(i) = x(i)**3
"
cubefn <- cfunction(signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), code, convention=".Fortran")
print(cubefn)

cubefn(n, x)$x

## Same Fortran example - now n is one number
code2 <- "
  integer i
  do 1 i=1, n
  1 x(i) = x(i)**3
"
cubefn2 <- cfunction(signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), implicit = "none",
  dim = c("", "(*)"), code2, convention=".Fortran")

cubefn2(n, x)$x

## Same in F95, now x is fixed-size vector (length = n)
code3 <- "x = x*x*x"
cubefn3 <- cfunction(sig = signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), implicit = "none",
  dim = c("", "(n)"), code3, language="F95")
cubefn3(20, 1:20)
print(cubefn3)

## Same example in C
code4 <- "
```

```

        int i;
        for (i = 0; i < *n; i++)
            x[i] = x[i]*x[i]*x[i];
    "
cubefn4 <- cfunction(signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), code4, language = "C", convention = ".C")
cubefn4(20, 1:20)

## End(Not run)

## use of a module in F95
modct <- "module modcts
double precision, parameter :: pi = 3.14159265358979
double precision, parameter :: e = 2.71828182845905
end"

getconstants <- "x(1) = pi
x(2) = e"

cgetcts <- cfunction(getconstants, module = "modcts", implicit = "none",
    includes = modct, sig = c(x = "double"), dim = c("(2)"), language = "F95")

cgetcts(x = 1:2)
print(cgetcts)

## Use of .C convention with C code
## Defining two functions, one of which calls the other
sigSq <- signature(n="integer", x="numeric")
codeSq <- "
    for (int i=0; i < *n; i++) {
        x[i] = x[i]*x[i];
    }"
sigQd <- signature(n="integer", x="numeric")
codeQd <- "
    squarefn(n, x);
    squarefn(n, x);
"

fns <- cfunction( list(squarefn=sigSq, quadfn=sigQd),
    list(codeSq, codeQd),
    convention=".C")

squarefn <- fns[["squarefn"]]
quadfn <- fns[["quadfn"]]

squarefn(n, x)$x
quadfn(n, x)$x

## Alternative declaration using 'setCMethod'
setCMethod(c("squarefn", "quadfn"), list(sigSq, sigQd),
    list(codeSq, codeQd), convention=".C")

squarefn(n, x)$x

```

```

quadfn(n, x)$x

## Use of .Call convention with C code
## Multiplying each image in a stack with a 2D Gaussian at a given position
code <- "
  SEXP res;
  int nprotect = 0, nx, ny, nz, x, y;
  PROTECT(res = Rf_duplicate(a)); nprotect++;
  nx = INTEGER(GET_DIM(a))[0];
  ny = INTEGER(GET_DIM(a))[1];
  nz = INTEGER(GET_DIM(a))[2];
  double sigma2 = REAL(s)[0] * REAL(s)[0], d2 ;
  double cx = REAL(centre)[0], cy = REAL(centre)[1], *data, *rdata;
  for (int im = 0; im < nz; im++) {
    data = &(REAL(a)[im*nx*ny]); rdata = &(REAL(res)[im*nx*ny]);
    for (x = 0; x < nx; x++)
      for (y = 0; y < ny; y++) {
        d2 = (x-cx)*(x-cx) + (y-cy)*(y-cy);
        rdata[x + y*nx] = data[x + y*nx] * exp(-d2/sigma2);
      }
  }
  UNPROTECT(nprotect);
  return res;
"
funx <- cfunction(signature(a="array", s="numeric", centre="numeric"), code)

x <- array(runif(50*50), c(50,50,1))
res <- funx(a=x, s=10, centre=c(25,15))
if (interactive()) image(res[, ,1])

## Same but done by registering an S4 method
setCMethod("funy", signature(a="array", s="numeric", centre="numeric"), code, verbose=TRUE)

res <- funy(x, 10, c(35,35))
if (interactive()) { x11(); image(res[, ,1]) }

```

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cxxfunction

*inline C++ function*


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## Description

Functionality to dynamically define an R function with inlined C++ code using the `.Call` calling convention.

The `rcpp()` wrapper sets the plugin to the “Rcpp” value suitable for using **Rcpp**.

## Usage

```

cxxfunction(sig = character(), body = character(),
plugin = "default", includes = "",

```

```
settings = getPlugin(plugin), ..., verbose = FALSE)
rcpp(..., plugin="Rcpp")
```

### Arguments

sig	Signature of the function. A named character vector
body	A character vector with C++ code to include in the body of the compiled C++ function
plugin	Name of the plugin to use. See <a href="#">getPlugin</a> for details about plugins.
includes	User includes, inserted after the includes provided by the plugin.
settings	Result of the call to the plugin
...	Further arguments to the plugin
verbose	verbose output

### Value

A function

### See Also

[cfunction](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:

# default plugin
fx <- cxxfunction( signature(x = "integer", y = "numeric" ) , '
return ScalarReal( INTEGER(x)[0] * REAL(y)[0] ) ;
' )
fx( 2L, 5 )

# Rcpp plugin
if( require( Rcpp ) ){

fx <- cxxfunction( signature(x = "integer", y = "numeric" ) , '
return wrap( as<int>(x) * as<double>(y) ) ;
', plugin = "Rcpp" )
fx( 2L, 5 )

## equivalent shorter form using rcpp()
fx <- rcpp(signature(x = "integer", y = "numeric"),
           ' return wrap( as<int>(x) * as<double>(y) ) ; ')

}

# RcppArmadillo plugin
if( require( RcppArmadillo ) ){

fx <- cxxfunction( signature(x = "integer", y = "numeric" ) , '
```



```

int dim = as<int>( x ) ;
arma::mat z = as<double>(y) * arma::eye<arma::mat>( dim, dim ) ;
return wrap( arma::accu(z) ) ;
', plugin = "RcppArmadillo" )
fx( 2L, 5 )

}

## End(Not run)

```

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getDynLib-methods	<i>Retrieve the dynamic library (or DLL) associated with a package or a function generated by <a href="#">cfunction</a></i>
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## Description

The `getDynLib` function retrieves the dynamic library (or DLL) associated with a package or with a function generated by [cfunction](#)

## Methods

`signature(x = "CFunc")` Retrieves the dynamic library associated with the function generated by [cfunction](#). The library is dynamically loaded if necessary.

`signature(x = "CFuncList")` Retrieves the dynamic library associated with a set of functions generated by [cfunction](#). The library is dynamically loaded if necessary.

`signature(x = "character")` Retrieves the dynamic library of the given name. This typically refers to package names, but can be any name of the list returned by [getLoadedDLLs](#)

## See Also

[getLoadedDLLs](#), [dyn.load](#)

## Examples

```

## Not run:
getDynLib( "base" )

f <- cfunction( signature() , "return R_NilValue ;" )
getDynLib( f )

## End(Not run)

```

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```
package.skeleton-methods
```

*Generate the skeleton of a package*

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### Description

Generate the skeleton of a package

### Methods

`signature(name = "ANY", list = "ANY")` Standard method. See [package.skeleton](#)

`signature(name = "character", list = "CFunc")` Method for a single generated by [cfunction](#) or [cxxfunction](#)

`signature(name = "character", list = "CFuncList")` Method for a set functions generated by [cfunction](#) or [cxxfunction](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
```

```
fx <- cxxfunction( signature(x = "integer", y = "numeric" ) , '
return ScalarReal( INTEGER(x)[0] * REAL(y)[0] ) ;
' )
package.skeleton( "foo", fx )
```

```
functions <- cxxfunction(
list(
ff = signature(),
gg = signature( x = "integer", y = "numeric" )
),
c( "return R_NilValue ;", "return ScalarReal( INTEGER(x)[0] * REAL(y)[0] );" )
)
package.skeleton( "foobar", functions )
```

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

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```
plugins
```

*Plugin system for cxxfunction*

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### Description

[cxxfunction](#) uses a plugin system to assembly the code that it compiles. These functions allow to register and get plugins by their name.

## Usage

```
getPlugin(name, ...)  
registerPlugin(name, plugin)
```

## Arguments

name	name of the plugin.
...	Further arguments to pass to the plugin.
plugin	plugin function.

## Details

plugins are functions that return a list with :

**includes** mandatory. it is included at the top of the compiled file by [cxxfunction](#)

**body** optional. a function that takes one argument (the body of the c++ function) and returned a modified version of the body. The "Rcpp" plugin uses this to surround the code with the BEGIN\_RCPP and END\_RCPP macros

**LinkingTo** optional. character vector containing the list of packages that the code needs to link to. This adds the include path of the given packages. The "Rcpp" and "RcppArmadillo" plugins use this.

**env** optional. named list of environment variables. For example, the "Rcpp" plugin uses this to add Rcpp user library to the PKG\_LIBS environment variable.

plugins can be manually registered using the registerPlugin function. Alternatively, a package may supply an inline plugin implicitly by defining a function called inlineCxxPlugin, which does not necessarily need to be exported from the namespace of the package.

Known packages implementing this scheme include Rcpp and RcppArmadillo.

## Value

getPlugin retrieves the plugin and invokes it with the ... arguments

registerPlugin does not return anything.

## See Also

[cxxfunction](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
getPlugin( "Rcpp" )  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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 utilities

*printing, reading and writing CFunc objects*


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### Description

`writeDynLib` saves the DLL and the CFunc or CFuncList object as generated by `cfunction`; `readDynLib` loads it.

The `print` and `code` methods respectively print the entire object or the code parts.

### Usage

```
writeDynLib(x, file)
readDynLib(file)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A CFunc or CFuncList object as created by <code>cfunction</code> to be saved.
<code>file</code>	base name of the file to write the object to or to read from. Two files will be saved, one for the shared object or DLL (extension <code>so</code> or <code>DLL</code> ) and one that holds the CFunc or CFuncList specification, without the function address (extension <code>CFunc</code> ).

### Details

Both the CFunc or CFuncList object and the shared object or DLL are saved, in two files; the first has extension `CFunc`; the second `so` or `DLL`, depending on the operating system used.

When reading, both files are loaded, and the compiled function address added to the object.

### Value

Function `readDynLib` returns a CFunc or CFuncList object.

### Methods

- Method `print(x, ...)` prints the entire object `x`
  - `signature(x = "CFunc")` Prints the CFunc object generated by `cfunction`, including the code that generated it.
  - `signature(x = "CFuncList")` Print all CFunc objects generated by `cfunction`, including the code that generated them.
- Method `code(x, linenumbers = TRUE, ...)` prints the code only
  - `signature(x)` The CFunc or CFuncList object as generated by `cfunction`.
  - `linenumbers` If `TRUE` all code lines will be numbered.

**Note**

- The code of a CFunc or CFuncList object `x` can be extracted (rather than printed), using:  
`x@code`.
- To write the code to a file (here called "`fn`"), without the new-line character "`\n`":  
`write (strsplit(x, "\n")[[1]], file = "fn")`

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**See Also**

[getDynLib](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- as.numeric(1:10)
n <- as.integer(10)

code <- "
  integer i
  do 1 i=1, n(1)
  1 x(i) = x(i)**3
"

cubefn <- cfunction(signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), code, convention=".Fortran")
code(cubefn)

cubefn(n, x)$x

## Not run:
fname <- tempfile()
writeDynLib(cubefn, file = fname)
# load and assign different name to object
cfn <- readDynLib(fname)
print(cfn)
cfn(2, 1:2)

## End(Not run)
```

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