

# Package ‘peakRAM’

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**Title** Monitor the Total and Peak RAM Used by an Expression or Function

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`peakRAM`*Calculate Peak RAM Used*

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**Description**

This function monitors the total and peak RAM used by any number of R expressions or functions.

**Usage**

```
peakRAM(...)
```

**Arguments**

... R expressions or function calls. Anonymous functions (e.g., `function() 1:1e7`) also accepted.

**Details**

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**Value**

A data.frame tallying total and peak RAM use.

**Examples**

```
peakRAM(function() 1:1e7,  
         1:1e7,  
         1:1e7 + 1:1e7,  
         1:1e7 * 2)
```

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