# Package 'Herper'

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**Title** The Herper package is a simple toolset to install and manage conda packages and environments from R

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Description Many tools for data analysis are not available in R, but are present in public repositories like conda. The Herper package provides a comprehensive set of functions to interact with the conda package managament system. With Herper users can install, manage and run conda packages from the comfort of their R session. Herper also provides an adhoc approach to handling external system requirements for R packages. For people developing packages with python conda dependencies we recommend using basilisk (https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/basilisk.html) to internally support these system requirements pre-hoc.

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# Description

Search package availability

# Usage

```
conda_search(package, channel = NULL, print_out = TRUE, pathToMiniConda = NULL)
```

# Arguments

package	Package to search for. If an exact match is found, the funtion will return true (assuming 'package_version' is left NULL or is a valid entry). If there is not an exact match and other packages contain this text, the function will return FALSE but the alternative options will be printed if print_out = TRUE.
channel	Channels for to search in (bioconda and conda-forge are defaults).
print_out	Either True or FALSE indicating whether to print out information about available builds and channels for the search entry.
nathToMiniCond:	

Path to miniconda installation. If this is set to NULL (default), then the output of 'reticulate::miniconda\_path()' is used.

#### **Details**

This function will search to see if a package is available from the conda repository For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

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# Value

TRUE/FALSE

#### Author(s)

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export\_CondaEnv

Export Conda environment.

# Description

Export Conda environment Import Conda environment

# Usage

```
export_CondaEnv(
  env_name,
  yml_export = NULL,
  pathToMiniConda = NULL,
  depends = TRUE
)

import_CondaEnv(
  yml_import,
  name = NULL,
  pathToMiniConda = NULL,
  install = TRUE,
  channels = NULL,
  mamba = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

env\_name Name of environment you want to save
yml\_export Destination for exported environment yml file
pathToMiniConda

NULL Path to miniconda installation

depends if FALSE will only include packages explicitly installed and not dependencies

yml\_import conda environment yml file

name Name of the environment to create.

install TRUE/FALSE whether to install miniconda at path if it doesn't exist. channels Channels for miniconda (bioconda and conda-forge are defaults).

mamba A logical about whether to use the mamba solver to speed up the resolution of

environment dependencies (Default is FALSE).

#### **Details**

This function will export a yml config file corresponding to the provided conda environment. For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/This function will recreate a conda environment from a provided yml config file.

#### Value

```
Nothing returned. Output written to file.
Nothing returned. Output written to file.
```

#### Author(s)

Matt Paul

 $install\_CondaSysReqs \quad \textit{Install Conda requirements listed in the System Requirement field of } \\ description$ 

# **Description**

Install Conda requirements

#### Usage

```
install_CondaSysReqs(
   pkg,
   channels = NULL,
   env = NULL,
   pathToMiniConda = NULL,
   updateEnv = FALSE,
   SysReqsAsJSON = FALSE,
   SysReqsSep = ",",
   verbose = FALSE,
   mamba = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

pkg Package to install Conda System Requirements from.

channels Channels for miniconda (bioconda and conda-forge are defaults).

env Name of Conda environment to install tools into.

pathToMiniConda

NULL Path to miniconda installation

updateEnv Update existing package's conda environment if already installed.

SysReqsAsJS0N Parse the SystemRequirements in JSON format (see Details). Default is TRUE.

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Separator used in SystemRequirement field. SysReqsSep

verbose Print system messages from conda on progress (Default is FALSE). There is a

third option "silent" which suppresses Herper and Conda messaging.

A logical about whether to use the mamba solver to speed up the resolution of mamba

environment dependencies (Default is FALSE).

#### **Details**

This function will install any software listed as a System Requirement in the provided R package. For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

#### Value

Nothing returned. Output written to file.

# Author(s)

Thomas Carroll and Matt Paul

install\_CondaTools Install Conda requirements.

### **Description**

Install Conda requirements

#### Usage

```
install_CondaTools(
  tools,
  env,
  channels = NULL,
  pathToMiniConda = NULL,
  updateEnv = FALSE,
  search = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
 mamba = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

tools Vector of software to install using conda.

env Name of Conda environment to install tools into.

channels Channels for miniconda (bioconda and conda-forge are defaults).

pathToMiniConda

NULL Path to miniconda installation

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updateEnv Update existing package's conda environment if already installed.

search Whether to search for the package name and version before installing. It is

highly recommended this be set to TRUE as information about available versions or similar packages will be included in the output if the exact match is not

found.

verbose Print system messages from conda on progress (Default is FALSE). There is a

third option "silent" which suppresses Herper and Conda messaging.

mamba A logical about whether to use the mamba solver to speed up the resolution of

environment dependencies (Default is FALSE).

#### **Details**

This function will install conda software. For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

#### Value

Nothing returned. Output written to file.

#### Author(s)

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list\_CondaEnv List Conda environments.

#### **Description**

List Conda environments

# Usage

list\_CondaEnv(pathToMiniConda = NULL, allCondas = FALSE, env = NULL)

#### **Arguments**

pathToMiniConda

NULL Path to miniconda installation

allCondas Logical. Whether to return conda environments, for all discoverable conda in-

stalls, or just the conda specified in pathToMiniConda.

env Environment name. If this is supplied to list\_CondaEnv, it will query whether

that environment is present in the given conda.

### Details

This function will list all environments available from a specific conda installation (or across all conda installations). For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page

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# Value

Conda environment names and the file paths to their conda installation are printed to the screen. If environment name is supplied a TRUE/FALSE will be returned depending on whether that environment is present or not.

#### Author(s)

Matt Paul

list\_CondaPkgs

List Conda packages.

# **Description**

List Conda packages

#### Usage

```
list_CondaPkgs(env, pathToMiniConda = NULL, pkg = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

env environment to look in

path To Mini Conda

NULL Path to miniconda installation

pkg Package name. If this is supplied to list\_CondaPkg, it will query whether that

package is present in the given environment.

#### **Details**

This function will list all packages from a specific conda environment. For a more detailed walk-through check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

# Value

Conda package information is printed to the screen. If package name is supplied a TRUE/FALSE will be returned depending on whether that package is present or not.

#### Author(s)

Matt Paul

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with\_CondaEnv

Use Conda environments.

#### **Description**

Use Conda environments
Use Conda environments

# Usage

```
with_CondaEnv(
  new,
  code,
  pathToMiniConda = NULL,
  path_action = "prefix",
  pythonpath_action = "replace",
  perl5lib_action = "replace",
  path_additional = NULL,
  pythonpath_additional = NULL,
  perl5lib_additional = NULL
)
local_CondaEnv(
  new = list(),
  pathToMiniConda = NULL,
  path_action = "prefix",
  pythonpath_action = "replace",
  perl5lib_action = "replace",
  path_additional = NULL,
  pythonpath_additional = NULL,
  perl5lib_additional = NULL,
  .local_envir = parent.frame()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
new The name of conda environment to include in the temporary R environment.

code Code to execute in the temporary R environment

pathToMiniConda

Path to miniconda.

Path to miniconda.

path_action Should new values "replace", "prefix" or "suffix" existing PATH variable.

pythonpath_action

Should new values "replace", "prefix" or "suffix" existing PYTHONPATH variable.

per151ib_action

Should new values "replace", "prefix" or "suffix" existing PERL5LIB variable.
```

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path_additional
Additional paths to suffix to existing PATH variable.

pythonpath_additional
Additional paths to suffix to existing PYTHONPATH variable.

per15lib_additional
Additional paths to suffix to existing PERL5LIB variable.

.local_envir The environment to use for scoping.
```

# **Details**

This function will execute the provided code while using a the specific conda environment provided. For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

This function will update the local environment to use a specific conda environment provided. For a more detailed walkthrough check our webpage: https://rockefelleruniversity.github.io/Herper\_Page/

#### Value

Nothing returned.

#### Author(s)

Thomas Carroll

# **Examples**

```
local_CondaEnv(new = "herper_env")
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