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find_source

Find Source Text

Description

Find and extract source text that requires translation.

Usage

```
find_source(
 path = getwd(),
 encoding = "UTF-8",
  strict = TRUE,
  id = uuid(),
  algorithm = constant("algorithms"),
 native_languages = character(),
  verbose = TRUE
)
find_source_in_files(
  paths = character(),
  encoding = "UTF-8",
  strict = TRUE,
 algorithm = constant("algorithms"),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

path	A non-empty and non-NA character string. A path to a directory containing R source scripts. All subdirectories are searched. Files that do not have a .R, or .Rprofile extension are skipped.
encoding	A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying source character en- coding. In almost all cases, this should be UTF-8. Other encodings are internally re-encoded to UTF-8 for portability.
strict	A non-NA logical value. Should only <i>explicit calls</i> , i.e. transltr::translate(), be extracted? If FALSE, calls to <i>any</i> such function are extracted regardless of the underlying namespace, i.e. translate().

id	A non-empty and non-NA character string. A globally unique identifier for the Translator object. Beware of plausible collisions when using user-defined values.
algorithm	A non-empty and non-NA character string equal to "sha1", or "utf8". The algorithm to use when hashing source information for identification purposes.
native_languages	
	A named character vector of non-empty and non-NA values. It can be empty. It is used to to construct a mapping of language codes to native language names. See field Translator\$native_languages for more information.
verbose	A non-NA logical value. Should progress information be reported?
paths	A character vector of non-empty and non-NA values. A set of paths to R source scripts that must be searched.

Details

find_source() and find_source_in_files() look for calls to translate() in R scripts and convert them to Text objects via as_text().

find_source() further constructs a Translator object from the set of Text objects. It can later be exported and imported via translator_write() and translator_read() respectively.

Methodology:

Extracting source text from source code involves performing usual parsing operations. find_source() and find_source_in_files() go through these steps to extract source text from a single R script.

- 1. It is read with text_read().
- 2. It is parsed with parse() and underlying tokens are extracted from parsed expressions with utils::getParseData().
- 3. Each expression token (expr) is converted to language objects with str2lang(). Parsing errors and invalid expressions are silently skipped.
- 4. Valid call objects stemming from step 3 are filtered with is_translate_call().
- 5. Calls to translate() stemming from step 4 are coerced to Text objects with as_text().

find_source() further constructs a Translator object from Text objects stemming from step 5.

Limitations:

The current version of transltr can only handle **literal** character vectors. This means it cannot process values passed to argument ... of translate() that depends on any state at runtime. There are plans to lift this limitation in the future.

Value

find_source() returns an R6 object of class Translator.

find_source_in_files() returns a list of Text objects. It may contain duplicated elements, depending on the extracted contents.

See Also

```
Translator, Text, translate(), translator_read(), translator_write()
```

Examples

```
\ensuremath{\texttt{\#}} Create a directory containing dummy R
# scripts for illustration purposes.
temp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(TRUE), "find-source")</pre>
temp_files <- file.path(temp_dir, c("ex-script-1.R", "ex-script-2.R"))</pre>
dir.create(temp_dir, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)
cat(
  "translate('Not strict: Hello, world!')",
 "transltr::translate('Strict: Farewell, world!')",
 sep = " \setminus n",
 file = temp_files[[1L]])
cat(
  "transltr::translate('Strict: Hello, world!')",
  "translate('Not strict: Farewell, world!')",
 sep = " \setminus n",
 file = temp_files[[2L]])
# Extract explicit calls to transltr::translate()
# from source scripts (strict = TRUE).
find_source(temp_dir, strict = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
find_source_in_files(temp_files, strict = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
# Extract calls to any translate() function
# from source scripts (strict = FALSE).
find_source(temp_dir, strict = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
find_source_in_files(temp_files, strict = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

language_set Get or Set Language

Description

Get or set the current, and source languages.

They are registered as environment variables named TRANSLTR_LANGUAGE, and TRANSLTR_SOURCE_LANGUAGE.

Usage

language_set(lang = "en")
language_get()

language_source_set(lang = "en")

language_source_get()

language_set

Arguments

1ang A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying language.
 A language is usually a code (of two or three letters) for a native language name.
 While users retain full control over codes, it is best to use language codes stemming from well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1 to maxi-

mize portability and cross-compatibility.

Details

The language and the source language can always be temporarily changed. See translate() for more information.

The underlying locale is left as is. To change an R session's locale, use Sys.setlocale() or Sys.setLanguage() instead. See below for more information.

Value

language_set(), and language_source_set() return NULL, invisibly. They are used for their side-effect of setting environment variables TRANSLTR_LANGUAGE and TRANSLTR_SOURCE_LANGUAGE, respectively.

language_get() returns a character string. It is the current value of environment variable TRANSLTR_LANGUAGE. It is empty if the latter is unset.

language_source_get() returns a character string. It is the current value of environment variable TRANSLTR_SOURCE_LANGUAGE. It returns "en" if the latter is unset.

Locales versus languages

A locale is a set of multiple low-level settings that relate to the user's language and region. The *language* itself is just one parameter among many others.

Modifying a locale on-the-fly *can* be considered risky in some situations. It may not be the optimal solution for merely changing textual representations of a program or an application at runtime, as it may introduce unintended changes and induce subtle bugs that are harder to fix.

Moreover, it makes sense for some applications and/or programs such as Shiny applications to decouple the front-end's current language (what *users* see) from the back-end's locale (what *developers* see). A UI may be displayed in a certain language while keeping logs and R internal messages, warnings, and errors as is (untranslated).

Consequently, the language setting of transltr is purposely kept separate from the underlying locale and removes the complexity of having to support many of them. Users can always change both the locale and the language parameter of the package. See Examples.

Note

Environment variables are used because they can be shared among different processes. This matters when using parallel and/or concurrent R sessions. It can further be shared among direct and transitive dependencies (other packages that rely on transltr).

Examples

```
# Change the language parameters (globally).
language_source_set("en")
language_set("fr")
language_source_get() ## Outputs "en"
                      ## Outputs "fr"
language_get()
# Change both the language parameter and the locale.
# Note that while users control how languages are named
# for language_set(), they do not for Sys.setLanguage().
language_set("fr")
Sys.setLanguage("fr-CA")
# Reset settings.
language_source_set(NULL)
language_set(NULL)
# Source language has a default value.
language_source_get() ## Outputs "en"
```

translate

Translate Text

Description

Translate source text.

Usage

```
translate(
    ...,
    lang = language_get(),
    tr = translator(),
    concat = constant("concat"),
    source_lang = language_source_get()
)
```

Arguments

• • •	Any number of literal character vectors. The source text to translate. Values can be empty and/or NA, but this may lead to unexpected results.
lang	A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying language.
	A language is usually a code (of two or three letters) for a native language name. While users retain full control over codes, it is best to use language codes stem- ming from well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1 to maxi- mize portability and cross-compatibility.

translate

tr	A Translator object.
concat	A non-empty and non-NA character string used to concatenate values passed to
source_lang	A non-empty and non-NA character string. The language of the (untranslated) source text. See argument lang for more information.

Details

It is strongly recommended to always include the namespace when using translate(), i.e. transltr::translate(). Doing so ensures that there will be no ambiguity at runtime. See argument strict of find_source() for additional information.

Value

A character string, or NULL if the underlying translation is unavailable.

See Also

```
Translator, language_set()
```

Examples

```
# Set source language.
language_source_set("en")
# Create a Translator object.
# This would normally be done automatically
# by find_source(), or translator_read().
tr <- translator(</pre>
 id = "test-translator",
 en = "English",
 fr = "Français",
 text(
   en = "Hello, world!",
   fr = "Bonjour, monde!"),
 text(
   en = "Farewell, world!",
   fr = "Au revoir, monde!"))
# Set current language.
language_set("fr")
# Request translations.
translate("Hello, world!")
                                                     ## Outputs "Bonjour, monde!"
translate("Farewell, world!", lang = "fr", tr = tr) ## Outputs "Au revoir, monde!"
translate("Hello, world!", lang = "en", tr = tr) ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
```

Description

Structure and manipulate the source text of a project and its translations.

Usage

```
translator(..., id = uuid(), algorithm = constant("algorithms"))
is_translator(x)
## S3 method for class 'Translator'
format(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Translator'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

	Usage depends on the underlying function.
	• Any number of Text objects and/or named character strings for translator() (in no preferred order).
	• Further arguments passed to or from other methods for format(), and print().
id	A non-empty and non-NA character string. A globally unique identifier for the Translator object. Beware of plausible collisions when using user-defined values.
algorithm	A non-empty and non-NA character string equal to "sha1", or "utf8". The algorithm to use when hashing source information for identification purposes.
x	Any R object.

Details

A Translator object encapsulates the source text of a project (or any other *context*) and all related translations. It exposes a set of methods that can be used to manipulate this information, but it is designed in such a way that its methods can be ignored most of the time.

Under the hood, Translator objects are collections of Text objects. These do most of the work. They are treated as lower-level component and in typical situations, users rarely interact with them.

Translating Text:

Since it can be detected and processed by find_source(), it is recommended to use translate() at all times. Method Translator\$translate() is the underlying workhorse function called by the former.

Exporting and Importing Translators:

Translator objects can be saved and exported with translator_write(). They can be imported back into an R session with translator_read().

Value

translator() returns an R6 object of class Translator.

is_translator() returns a logical value.

format() returns a character vector.

print() returns argument x invisibly.

Active bindings

- id A non-empty and non-NA character string. A globally unique identifier for the underlying object. Beware of plausible collisions when using user-defined values.
- algorithm A non-empty and non-NA character string equal to "sha1", or "utf8". The algorithm to use when hashing source information for identification purposes.
- hashes A character vector of non-empty and non-NA values, or NULL. The set of all hash exposed by registered Text objects. If there is none, hashes is NULL. This is a **read-only** field. It is automatically updated whenever field algorithm is updated.
- source_texts A character vector of non-empty and non-NA values, or NULL. The set of all source_text exposed by registered Text objects. If there is none, source_texts is NULL. This is a **read-only** field.
- source_langs A character vector of non-empty and non-NA values, or NULL. The set of all source_text exposed by registered Text objects. This is a **read-only** field.
 - If there is none, source_texts is NULL.
 - If there is one unique value, source_texts has a length equal to 1.
 - Otherwise, a named character vector is returned.
- languages A character vector of non-empty and non-NA values, or NULL. The set of all languages (codes) exposed by registered Text objects. If there is none, languages is NULL. This is a **read-only** field.
- native_languages A named character vector of non-empty and non-NA values, or NULL. A map (bijection) of languages (codes) to native language names. Names are codes, and values are native languages. If there is none, native_languages is NULL.

While users retain full control over native_languages, it is best to use well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1. Doing so maximizes portability and cross-compatibility between packages.

Update this field with method Translator\$set_native_languages(). See below for more information.

Methods

Public methods:

- Translator\$new()
- Translator\$translate()

- Translator\$get_translation()
- Translator\$get_text()
- Translator\$set_text()
- Translator\$set_texts()
- Translator\$set_native_languages()
- Translator\$rm_text()

Method new(): Create a Translator object.

Usage:

Translator\$new(id = uuid(), algorithm = constant("algorithms"))

Arguments:

- id A non-empty and non-NA character string. A globally unique identifier for the Translator object. Beware of plausible collisions when using user-defined values.
- algorithm A non-empty and non-NA character string equal to "sha1", or "utf8". The algorithm to use when hashing source information for identification purposes.

Returns: An R6 object of class Translator.

Examples:

Consider using translator() instead. tr <- Translator\$new()</pre>

Method translate(): Translate text. Consider using translate() instead of this method.

```
Usage:
Translator$translate(
    ...,
    lang = language_get(),
    concat = constant("concat"),
    source_lang = language_source_get()
)
```

Arguments:

... Any number of literal character vectors. The source text to translate. Values can be empty and/or NA, but this may lead to unexpected results.

lang A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying language.

- A language is usually a code (of two or three letters) for a native language name. While users retain full control over codes, it is best to use language codes stemming from well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1 to maximize portability and cross-compatibility.
- concat A non-empty and non-NA character string used to concatenate values passed to
- source_lang A non-empty and non-NA character string. The language of the (untranslated) source text. See argument lang for more information.

Details: Since it can be detected by find_source(), translate() is the preferred interface to this method.

Values passed to ... are first normalized, and then hashed. The translation that corresponds to the resulting hash and lang pair is fetched via method Translator\$get_translation(). Argument lang will not be validated if the resulting hash has no corresponding Text object.

Returns: A character string, or NULL if the underlying translation is unavailable.

```
Examples:
tr <- Translator$new()
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!", fr = "Bonjour, monde!")
# Consider using translate() instead.
tr$translate("Hello, world!", lang = "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
tr$translate("Hello, world!", lang = "fr") ## Outputs "Bonjour, monde!"
```

Method get_translation(): Extract a translation, or source texts.

Usage:

Translator\$get_translation(hash = "", lang = "")

Arguments:

- hash A non-empty and non-NA character string. The unique identifier of the requested source text, or its underlying Text object.
- lang A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying language.

A language is usually a code (of two or three letters) for a native language name. While users retain full control over codes, it is best to use language codes stemming from well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1 to maximize portability and cross-compatibility.

Returns: A character string. NULL is returned if the requested translation is not available (either hash or lang is not registered).

Examples:

```
tr <- Translator$new()
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")</pre>
```

```
# Consider using translate() instead.
tr$get_translation("256e0d7", "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
```

Method get_text(): Extract a Text object.

Usage:

Translator\$get_text(hash = "")

Arguments:

hash A non-empty and non-NA character string. The unique identifier of the requested source text, or its underlying Text object.

Returns: A Text object, or NULL.

Examples:

```
tr <- Translator$new()
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")</pre>
```

```
tr$get_translation("256e0d7", "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
```

Method set_text(): Simultaneously create and register a Text object.

Usage:

```
Translator$set_text(..., source_lang = language_source_get())
```

Arguments:

```
... Passed as is to text().
```

source_lang Passed as is to text().

Returns: A NULL, invisibly.

Examples:

tr <- Translator\$new()</pre>

```
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!", location())
```

Method set_texts(): Register one or more Text objects.

Usage:

Translator\$set_texts(...)

Arguments:

... Any number of Text objects.

Details: This method calls merge_texts() to merge all values passed to ... together with previously registered Text objects. The underlying registered source texts, translations, and Location objects won't be duplicated.

Returns: A NULL, invisibly.

Examples: # Set source language. language_source_set("en") tr <- Translator\$new() # Create Text objects. txt1 <- text(location("a", 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L), en = "Hello, world!", fr = "Bonjour, monde!")

```
txt2 <- text(
  location("b", 5L, 6L, 7L, 8L),
  en = "Farewell, world!",
  fr = "Au revoir, monde!")
```

```
tr$set_texts(txt1, txt2)
```

Method set_native_languages(): Map a language code to a native language name.

Usage:

Translator\$set_native_languages(...)

Arguments:

... Any number of named, non-empty, and non-NA character strings. Names are codes and values are native languages. See field native_languages for more information.

```
Returns: A NULL, invisibly.
Examples:
tr <- Translator$new()
tr$set_native_languages(en = "English", fr = "Français")
# Remove existing entries.
tr$set_native_languages(fr = NULL)</pre>
```

Method rm_text(): Remove a registered location.

```
Usage:
Translator$rm_text(hash = "")
```

Arguments:

hash A non-empty and non-NA character string identifying the Text object to be removed.

Returns: A NULL, invisibly.

Examples:

```
tr <- Translator$new()
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")</pre>
```

tr\$rm_text("256e0d7")

See Also

translate(), translator_read(), translator_write()

Examples

```
# Set source language.
language_source_set("en")
# Create a Translator object.
# This would normally be done automatically
# by find_source(), or translator_read().
tr <- translator(</pre>
 id = "test-translator",
 en = "English",
  es = "Español",
  fr = "Français",
  text(
   location("a", 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L),
   en = "Hello, world!",
    fr = "Bonjour, monde!"),
  text(
    location("b", 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L),
    en = "Farewell, world!",
   fr = "Au revoir, monde!"))
```

```
is_translator(tr)
```

```
# Translator objects has a specific format.
# print() calls format() internally, as expected.
print(tr)
## ------
## Method `Translator$new`
## -----
# Consider using translator() instead.
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
## ------
## Method `Translator$translate`
## -----
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!", fr = "Bonjour, monde!")
# Consider using translate() instead.
tr$translate("Hello, world!", lang = "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
tr$translate("Hello, world!", lang = "fr") ## Outputs "Bonjour, monde!"
## -----
## Method `Translator$get_translation`
## ------
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")
# Consider using translate() instead.
tr$get_translation("256e0d7", "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
## ------
## Method `Translator$get_text`
## -----
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")
tr$get_translation("256e0d7", "en") ## Outputs "Hello, world!"
## -----
## Method `Translator$set_text`
## ------
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!", location())
## -----
## Method `Translator$set_texts`
```

```
## ------
# Set source language.
language_source_set("en")
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
# Create Text objects.
txt1 <- text(</pre>
 location("a", 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L),
 en = "Hello, world!",
 fr = "Bonjour, monde!")
txt2 <- text(</pre>
 location("b", 5L, 6L, 7L, 8L),
 en = "Farewell, world!",
 fr = "Au revoir, monde!")
tr$set_texts(txt1, txt2)
## ------
## Method `Translator$set_native_languages`
## -----
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_native_languages(en = "English", fr = "Français")
# Remove existing entries.
tr$set_native_languages(fr = NULL)
## -----
## Method `Translator$rm_text`
## -----
tr <- Translator$new()</pre>
tr$set_text(en = "Hello, world!")
tr$rm_text("256e0d7")
```

translator_read Read and Write Translations

Description

Export Translator objects to text files and import such files back into R as Translator objects.

Usage

translator_read(

```
path = getOption("transltr.default.path"),
 encoding = "UTF-8",
 verbose = TRUE,
 translations = TRUE
)
translator_write(
 tr = translator(),
 path = getOption("transltr.default.path"),
 overwrite = FALSE,
 verbose = TRUE,
  translations = TRUE
)
translations_read(path = "", encoding = "UTF-8", tr = NULL)
translations_write(tr = translator(), path = "", lang = "")
translations_paths(
 tr = translator(),
 parent_dir = dirname(getOption("transltr.default.path"))
)
```

Arguments

path	A non-empty and non-NA character string. A path to a file to read from, or write to.
	 This file must be a Translator file for translator_read(). This file must be a translations file for translations_read().
	See Details for more information. translator_write() automatically creates the parent directories of path (recursively) if they do not exist.
encoding	A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying source character encoding. In almost all cases, this should be UTF-8. Other encodings are internally re-encoded to UTF-8 for portability.
verbose	A non-NA logical value. Should progress information be reported?
translations	A non-NA logical value. Should translations files also be read, or written along with path (the Translator file)?
tr	A Translator object.
	This argument is NULL by default for translations_read(). If a Translator object is passed to this function, it will read translations and further register them (as long as they correspond to an existing source text).
overwrite	A non-NA logical value. Should existing files be overwritten? If such files are detected and overwrite is set equal to TRUE, an error is thrown.
lang	A non-empty and non-NA character string. The underlying language.

	A language is usually a code (of two or three letters) for a native language name. While users retain full control over codes, it is best to use language codes stem- ming from well-known schemes such as IETF BCP 47, or ISO 639-1 to maxi- mize portability and cross-compatibility.
parent_dir	A non-empty and non-NA character string. A path to a parent directory.

Details

The information contained within a Translator object is split: translations are reorganized by language and exported independently from other fields.

translator_write() creates two types of file: a single *Translator file*, and zero, or more *translations files*. These are plain text files that can be inspected and modified using a wide variety of tools and systems. They target different audiences:

- the Translator file is useful to developers, and
- translations files are meant to be shared with non-technical collaborators such as translators.

translator_read() first reads a Translator file and creates a Translator object from it. It then calls translations_paths() to list expected translations files (that should normally be stored alongside the Translator file), attempts to read them, and registers successfully imported translations.

There are two requirements.

- All files must be stored in the same directory. By default, this is set equal to inst/transltr/ (see getOption("transltr.default.path")).
- Filenames of translations files are standardized and must correspond to languages (language codes, see lang).

The inner workings of the serialization process are thoroughly described in serialize().

Translator file:

A Translator file contains a YAML (1.1) representation of a Translator object stripped of all its translations except those that are registered as source text.

Translations files:

A translations file contains a FLAT representation of a set of translations sharing the same target language. This format attempts to be as simple as possible for non-technical collaborators.

Value

translator_read() returns an R6 object of class Translator.

translator_write() returns NULL, invisibly. It is used for its side-effects of

- creating a Translator file to the location given by path, and
- creating further translations file(s) in the same directory if translations is TRUE.

translations_read() returns an S3 object of class ExportedTranslations.

translations_write() returns NULL, invisibly.

translations_paths() returns a named character vector.

See Also

Translator, serialize()

Examples

```
# Set source language.
language_source_set("en")
# Create a path to a temporary Translator file.
temp_path <- tempfile(pattern = "translator_", fileext = ".yml")</pre>
temp_dir <- dirname(temp_path) ## tempdir() could also be used</pre>
# Create a Translator object.
# This would normally be done by find_source(), or translator_read().
tr <- translator(</pre>
 id = "test-translator",
 en = "English",
 es = "Español",
 fr = "Français",
 text(
   en = "Hello, world!",
   fr = "Bonjour, monde!"),
 text(
   en = "Farewell, world!",
   fr = "Au revoir, monde!"))
# Export it. This creates 3 files: 1 Translator file, and 2 translations
# files because two non-source languages are registered. The file for
# language "es" contains placeholders and must be completed.
translator_write(tr, temp_path)
translator_read(temp_path)
# Translations can be read individually.
translations_files <- translations_paths(tr, temp_dir)</pre>
translations_read(translations_files[["es"]])
translations_read(translations_files[["fr"]])
# This is rarely useful, but translations can also be exported individually.
# You may use this to add a new language, as long as it has an entry in the
# underlying Translator object (or file).
tr$set_native_languages(el = "Greek")
translations_files <- translations_paths(tr, temp_dir)</pre>
translations_write(tr, translations_files[["el"]], "el")
translations_read(file.path(temp_dir, "el.txt"))
```

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