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dependenciesInstalled Checks for/installs dependencies

#### **Description**

dependenciesInstalled() that all the required system dependency, PhantomJS, is installed, and installDependencies() installs it if needed. For more information about where PhantomJS will be installed see webdriver::install\_phantomjs().

#### Usage

```
dependenciesInstalled()
installDependencies()
```

# Value

TRUE when all dependencies are fulfilled; otherwise, FALSE.

expect\_pass Expectation: testApp() passes snapshot tests

# Description

This returns an testthat expectation object.

# Usage

```
expect_pass(object, info = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

object The results returned by testApp().

info Extra information to be included in the message (useful when writing tests in

loops).

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
expect_pass(testApp("path/to/app/"))
## End(Not run)
```

migrateShinytestDir

Migrate legacy shinytest files to new test directory structure

#### **Description**

This function migrates the old-style directory structure used by **shinytest** (versions 1.3.1 and below) to new test directory structure used in shinytest 1.4.0 and above.

# Usage

```
migrateShinytestDir(appdir, dryrun = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

appdir A directory containing a Shiny application.

dryrun If TRUE, print out the changes that would be made, but don't actually do them.

#### **Details**

Before **shinytest** 1.4.0, the shinytest scripts and results were put in a subdirectory of the application named tests/. As of **shinytest** 1.4.0, the tests are put in tests/shinytest/, so that it works with the runTests() function shiny package (added in **shiny** 1.5.0).

With **shinytest** 1.3.1 and below, the tests/ subdirectory of the application was used specifically for **shinytest**, and could not be used for other types of tests. So the directory structure would look like this:

```
appdir/
`- tests
`- mytest.R
```

In Shiny 1.5.0, the shiny::runTests() function was added, and it will run test scripts tests/ subdirectory of the application. This makes it possible to use other testing systems in addition to shinytest. **shinytest** 1.4.0 is designed to work with this new directory structure. The directory structure looks something like this:

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```
| `- mytest.R
|- testthat.R
`- testthat
   `- test-script.R
```

This allows for tests using the **shinytest** package as well as other testing tools, such as the shiny::testServer() function, which can be used for testing module and server logic, and for unit tests of functions in an R/ subdirectory.

In **shinytest** 1.4.0 and above, it defaults to creating the new directory structure.

osName

Get the name of the OS

# Description

Returns the name of the current OS. This can be useful for the suffix when running testApp().

#### Usage

```
osName()
```

recordTest

Launch test event recorder for a Shiny app

# **Description**

Launch test event recorder for a Shiny app

# Usage

```
recordTest(
  app = ".",
  save_dir = NULL,
  load_mode = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  loadTimeout = 10000,
  debug = "shiny_console",
  shinyOptions = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

A ShinyDriver() object, or path to a Shiny application. арр save dir A directory to save stuff. load mode A boolean that determines whether or not the resulting test script should be appropriate for load testing. A random seed to set before running the app. This seed will also be used in the seed test script. loadTimeout Maximum time to wait for the Shiny application to load, in milliseconds. If a value is provided, it will be saved in the test script. debug start the underlying ShinyDriver() in debug mode and print those debug logs to the R console once recording is finished. The default, 'shiny\_console', captures and prints R console output from the recorded R shiny process. Any

value that the debug argument in ShinyDriver() accepts may be used (e.g., 'none' may be used to completely suppress the driver logs).

shinyOptions A list of options to pass to runApp(). If a value is provided, it will be saved in

the test script.

ShinyDriver

Remote control a Shiny app running in a headless browser

# **Description**

This class starts a Shiny app in a new R session, along with a phantom. js headless browser that can be used to simulate user actions. This provides a full simulation of a Shiny app so that you can test user interactions with a live app.

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

- ShinyDriver\$new()
- ShinyDriver\$finalize()
- ShinyDriver\$stop()
- ShinyDriver\$getValue()
- ShinyDriver\$setValue()
- ShinyDriver\$click()
- ShinyDriver\$getAllValues()
- ShinyDriver\$sendKeys()
- ShinyDriver\$setWindowSize()
- ShinyDriver\$getWindowSize()
- ShinyDriver\$getDebugLog()
- ShinyDriver\$enableDebugLogMessages()
- ShinyDriver\$logEvent()

```
• ShinyDriver$getEventLog()
  • ShinyDriver$getUrl()
  • ShinyDriver$getTitle()
  • ShinyDriver$getSource()
  • ShinyDriver$goBack()
  • ShinyDriver$refresh()
  • ShinyDriver$takeScreenshot()
  • ShinyDriver$findElement()
  • ShinyDriver$findElements()
  • ShinyDriver$waitFor()
  • ShinyDriver$waitForShiny()
  • ShinyDriver$waitForValue()
  • ShinyDriver$listWidgets()
  • ShinyDriver$checkUniqueWidgetNames()
  • ShinyDriver$executeScript()
  • ShinyDriver$executeScriptAsync()
  • ShinyDriver$findWidget()
  • ShinyDriver$expectUpdate()
  • ShinyDriver$setInputs()
  • ShinyDriver$uploadFile()
  • ShinyDriver$snapshotInit()
  • ShinyDriver$snapshot()
  • ShinyDriver$snapshotCompare()
  • ShinyDriver$snapshotDownload()
  • ShinyDriver$getAppDir()
  • ShinyDriver$getAppFilename()
  • ShinyDriver$getTestsDir()
  • ShinyDriver$getRelativePathToApp()
  • ShinyDriver$getSnapshotDir()
  • ShinyDriver$isRmd()
  • ShinyDriver$clone()
Method new():
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$new(
   path = ".",
   loadTimeout = NULL,
   checkNames = TRUE,
   debug = c("none", "all", shinytest::ShinyDriver$debugLogTypes),
   phantomTimeout = 5000,
   seed = NULL,
   cleanLogs = TRUE,
   shinyOptions = list(),
   renderArgs = NULL,
```

```
options = list()
 )
 Arguments:
 path Path to a directory containing a Shiny app, i.e. a single app.R file or a server.R-ui.R
 loadTimeout How long to wait for the app to load, in ms. This includes the time to start R.
     Defaults to 5s when running locally and 10s when running on CI.
 checkNames Check if widget names are unique?
 debug Start the app in debugging mode? In debugging mode debug messages are printed to the
     console.
 phantomTimeout How long to wait when connecting to phantomJS process, in ms
 seed An optional random seed to use before starting the application. For apps that use R's
     random number generator, this can make their behavior repeatable.
 cleanLogs Whether to remove the stdout and stderr logs when the Shiny process object is
     garbage collected.
 shinyOptions A list of options to pass to shiny::runApp().
 renderArgs Passed to rmarkdown::run() for interactive .Rmds.
 options A list of base::options() to set in the driver's child process.
Method finalize(): Stop app and clean up logs.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$finalize()
Method stop(): Stop the app, the terminate external R process that runs the app and the phan-
tomjs instance.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$stop()
Method getValue(): Finds a widget and queries its value. See the getValue() method of
Widget for more details.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getValue(name, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
 Arguments:
 name Name of a shiny widget.
 iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is
     only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget.
Method setValue(): Finds a widget and sets its value. It's a shortcut for findElement() plus
setValue(); see the Widget documentation for more details.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$setValue(name, value, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
 Arguments:
 name Name of a shiny widget.
 value New value.
```

iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget. Returns: Self, invisibly. **Method** click(): Find a widget and click it. It's a shortcut for findElement() plus click(); see the Widget documentation for more details. Usage: ShinyDriver\$click(name, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output")) Arguments: name Name of a shiny widget. iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget. **Method** getAllValues(): Returns a named list of all inputs, outputs, and export values. ShinyDriver\$getAllValues(input = TRUE, output = TRUE, export = TRUE) Arguments: input, output, export Either TRUE to return all input/output/exported values, or a character vector of specific controls. Method sendKeys(): Sends the specified keys to specific HTML element. Shortcut for findWidget() plus sendKeys(). Usage: ShinyDriver\$sendKeys(name, keys) Arguments: name Name of a shiny widget. keys Keys to send to the widget or the app. See webdriver::key for how to specific special keys. Returns: Self, invisibly. **Method** setWindowSize(): Sets size of the browser window. Usage: ShinyDriver\$setWindowSize(width, height) Arguments: width, height Height and width of browser, in pixels.

Returns: Self, invisibly.

**Method** getWindowSize(): Get current size of the browser window, as list of integer scalars named width and height.

Usage:

ShinyDriver\$getWindowSize()

**Method** getDebugLog(): Query one or more of the debug logs.

Usage:

```
ShinyDriver$getDebugLog(type = c("all", ShinyDriver$debugLogTypes))
 Arguments:
 type Log type: "all", "shiny_console", "browser", or "shinytest".
Method enableDebugLogMessages(): Enable/disable debugging messages
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$enableDebugLogMessages(enable = TRUE)
 Arguments:
 enable New value.
Method logEvent(): Add event to log.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$logEvent(event, ...)
 Arguments:
 event Event name
 ... Addition data to store for event
Method getEventLog(): Retrieve event log.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getEventLog()
Method getUrl(): Get current url
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getUrl()
Method getTitle(): Get page title
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getTitle()
Method getSource(): Get complete source of current page.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getSource()
Method goBack(): Return to previous page
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$goBack()
 Returns: Self, invisibly.
Method refresh(): Refresh the browser
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$refresh()
 Returns: Self, invisibly.
```

```
Method takeScreenshot(): Takes a screenshot of the current page and writes it to a PNG file or shows on current graphics device.
```

```
Usage:
 ShinyDriver$takeScreenshot(file = NULL, id = NULL, parent = FALSE)
 file File name to save the screenshot to. If NULL, then it will be shown on the R graphics
     device.
 id If not-NULL, will take a screenshot of element with this id.
 parent If TRUE, will take screenshot of parent of id; this is useful if you also want to capture
     the label attached to a Shiny control.
 Returns: Self, invisibly.
Method findElement(): Find an HTML element on the page, using a CSS selector, XPath
expression, or link text (for <a> tags). If multiple elements are matched, only the first is returned.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$findElement(
   css = NULL,
   linkText = NULL,
   partialLinkText = NULL,
   xpath = NULL
 )
 Arguments:
 css CSS selector to find an HTML element.
 linkText Find <a> HTML elements based on exact innerText
 partialLinkText Find <a> HTML elements based on partial innerText
 xpath Find HTML elements using XPath expressions.
 Returns: A webdriver::Element.
Method findElements(): Find all elements matching CSS selection, xpath, or link text.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$findElements(
   css = NULL,
   linkText = NULL,
   partialLinkText = NULL,
    xpath = NULL
 )
 Arguments:
 css CSS selector to find an HTML element.
 linkText Find <a> HTML elements based on exact innerText
 partialLinkText Find <a> HTML elements based on partial innerText
 xpath Find HTML elements using XPath expressions.
```

Returns: A list of webdriver::Elements.

**Method** waitFor(): Waits until a JavaScript expression evaluates to true or the timeout is exceeded.

```
Usage:
```

```
ShinyDriver$waitFor(expr, checkInterval = 100, timeout = 3000)
```

Arguments.

expr A string containing JavaScript code. Will wait until the condition returns true.

checkInterval How often to check for the condition, in ms.

timeout Amount of time to wait before giving up (milliseconds).

*Returns:* TRUE if expression evaluates to true without error, before timeout. Otherwise returns NA.

**Method** waitForShiny(): Waits until Shiny is not busy, i.e. the reactive graph has finished updating. This is useful, for example, if you've resized the window with setWindowSize() and want to make sure all plot redrawing is complete before take a screenshot.

Usage:

ShinyDriver\$waitForShiny()

Returns: TRUE if done before before timeout; NA otherwise.

**Method** waitForValue(): Waits until the input or output with name name is not one of ignored values, or the timeout is reached.

This function can be useful in helping determine if an application has initialized or finished processing a complex reactive situation.

#### Usage:

```
ShinyDriver$waitForValue(
  name,
  ignore = list(NULL, ""),
  iotype = c("input", "output", "export"),
  timeout = 10000,
  checkInterval = 400
)
```

Arguments:

name Name of a shiny widget.

ignore List of possible values to ignore when checking for updates.

iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget.

timeout Amount of time to wait before giving up (milliseconds).

checkInterval How often to check for the condition, in ms.

Method listWidgets(): Lists the names of all input and output widgets

Usage:

ShinyDriver\$listWidgets()

Returns: A list of two character vectors, named input and output.

**Method** checkUniqueWidgetNames(): Check if Shiny widget names are unique.

```
Usage:
 ShinyDriver$checkUniqueWidgetNames()
Method executeScript(): Execute JS code
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$executeScript(script, ...)
 Arguments:
 script JS to execute.
 ... Additional arguments to script.
 Returns: Self, invisibly.
Method executeScriptAsync(): Execute JS code asynchronously.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$executeScriptAsync(script, ...)
 Arguments:
 script JS to execute.
 ... Additional arguments to script.
 Returns: Self, invisibly.
Method findWidget(): Finds the a Shiny input or output control.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$findWidget(name, iotype = c("auto", "input", "output"))
 Arguments:
 name Name of a shiny widget.
 iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is
     only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget.
 Returns: A Widget.
Method expectUpdate(): It performs one or more update operations via the browser, thens
waits for the specified output(s) to update. The test succeeds if all specified output widgets are
updated before the timeout. For updates that involve a lot of computation, increase the timeout.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$expectUpdate(
    output,
```

ShinyDriver\$expectUpdate(
 output,
 ...,
 timeout = 3000,
 iotype = c("auto", "input", "output")
)
Arguments:

output Name of output control to check.

... Name-value pairs used to update inputs.

timeout Amount of time to wait before giving up (milliseconds).

iotype Type of the Shiny widget. Usually shinytest finds the widgets by their name, so this is only needed if you use the same name for an input and output widget.

Method setInputs(): Sets input values.

```
Usage:
 ShinyDriver$setInputs(
   wait_ = TRUE,
    values_ = TRUE,
    timeout_{=} = 3000,
    allowInputNoBinding_ = FALSE,
    priority_ = c("input", "event")
 )
 Arguments:
 ... Name-value pairs, name1 = value1, name2 = value2 etc. Enput with name name1 will
     be assigned value value1.
 wait_ Wait until all reactive updates have completed?
 values_ If TRUE, will return final updated values of inputs.
 timeout_ Amount of time to wait before giving up (milliseconds).
 allowInputNoBinding_ When setting the value of an input, allow it to set the value of an input
     even if that input does not have an input binding.
 priority_ Sets the event priority. For expert use only: see https://shiny.rstudio.com/
     articles/communicating-with-js.html#values-vs-events for details.
 Returns: Returns updated values, invisibly.
Method uploadFile(): Uploads a file to a file input.
 ShinyDriver$uploadFile(..., wait_ = TRUE, values_ = TRUE, timeout_ = 3000)
 Arguments:
 ... Name-path pairs, e.g. name1 = path1. The file located at path1 will be uploaded to file
     input with name name1.
 wait_ Wait until all reactive updates have completed?
 values_ If TRUE, will return final updated values of download control.
 timeout_ Amount of time to wait before giving up (milliseconds).
```

**Method** snapshotInit(): Download a snapshot. Generally, you should not call this function yourself; it will be generated by recordTest() as needed.

```
Usage:
ShinyDriver$snapshotInit(path, screenshot = TRUE)
Arguments:
path Directory to save snapshots.
screenshot Take screenshots for each snapshot?
```

**Method** snapshot(): Take a snapshot. Generally, you should not call this function yourself; it will be generated by recordTest() as needed.

```
Usage:
 ShinyDriver$snapshot(items = NULL, filename = NULL, screenshot = NULL)
 Arguments:
 items Elements to include in snapshot
 filename Filename to use. It is recommended to use a . json file extension.
 screenshot Take a screenshot? Overrides value set by $snapshotInit()
Method snapshotCompare(): Deprecated
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$snapshotCompare(...)
 Arguments:
 ... Ignored
Method snapshotDownload(): Snapshot a file download action. Generally, you should not call
this function yourself; it will be generated by recordTest() as needed.
 ShinyDriver$snapshotDownload(id, filename = NULL)
 Arguments:
 id Output id of shiny::downloadButton()/shiny::downloadLink()
 filename File name to save file to. The default, NULL, generates an ascending sequence of
     names: 001.download, 002.download, etc.
Method getAppDir(): Directory where app is located
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getAppDir()
Method getAppFilename(): App file name, i.e. app.R or server.R. NULL for Rmds.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getAppFilename()
Method getTestsDir(): Directory where tests are located
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getTestsDir()
Method getRelativePathToApp(): Relative path to app from current directory.
 Usage:
 ShinyDriver$getRelativePathToApp()
Method getSnapshotDir(): Directory where snapshots are located.
 ShinyDriver$getSnapshotDir()
Method isRmd(): Is this app an Shiny Rmd document?
 Usage:
```

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```
ShinyDriver$isRmd()
```

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

ShinyDriver\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

testApp

Run tests for a Shiny application

#### **Description**

Run tests for a Shiny application

#### Usage

```
testApp(
  appDir = ".",
  testnames = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  compareImages = TRUE,
  interactive = is_interactive(),
  suffix = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

appDir Path to directory containing a Shiny app (e.g. app.R) or single interactive .Rmd.

testnames Test script(s) to run. The .R extension of the filename is optional. For example,

"mytest" or c("mytest", "mytest2.R"). If NULL (the default), all scripts in

the tests/ directory will be run.

quiet Should output be suppressed? This is useful for automated testing.

compareImages Should screenshots be compared? It can be useful to set this to FALSE when the

expected results were taken on a different platform from the one currently being

used to test the application.

interactive If there are any differences between current results and expected results, provide

an interactive graphical viewer that shows the changes and allows the user to

accept or reject the changes.

suffix An optional suffix for the expected results directory. For example, if the suffix

is "mac", the expected directory would be mytest-expected-mac.

#### See Also

snapshotCompare() and snapshotUpdate() if you want to compare or update snapshots after testing. In most cases, the user is prompted to do these tasks interactively, but there are also times where it is useful to call these functions from the console.

Widget Widget

Widget

A Shiny Widget

# **Description**

A Widget object represents a Shiny input or output control, and provides methods for finer grained interaction.

#### Methods

#### **Public methods:**

- Widget\$new()
- Widget\$getName()
- Widget\$getElement()
- Widget\$getHtml()
- Widget\$getType()
- Widget\$getIoType()
- Widget\$isInput()
- Widget\$isOutput()
- Widget\$getValue()
- Widget\$setValue()
- Widget\$click()
- Widget\$sendKeys()
- Widget\$listTabs()
- Widget\$uploadFile()
- Widget\$clone()

Usage:

#### Method new(): Create new Widget

```
Widget$new(name, element, type, iotype = c("input", "output"))
Arguments:
name Name of a Shiny widget.
element webdriver::Element
type Widget type
iotype Input/output type.

Method getName(): Control id (i.e. inputId or outputId that control was created with).
Usage:
Widget$getName()
Method getElement(): Underlying webdriver::Element() object.
```

Widget\$getElement() Method getHtml(): retrieve the underlying HTML for a widget Widget\$getHtml() **Method** getType(): Widget type, e.g. textInput, selectInput. Usage: Widget\$getType() **Method** getIoType(): Is this an input or output control? Usage: Widget\$getIoType() Method isInput(): Is this an input control? Usage: Widget\$isInput() Method isOutput(): Is this an output control? Usage: Widget\$isOutput() **Method** getValue(): Get current value of control. Usage: Widget\$getValue() **Method** setValue(): Set value of control. Usage: Widget\$setValue(value) Arguments: value Value to set for the widget. Method click(): scrolls the element into view, then clicks the in-view centre point of it. Usage: Widget\$click() Returns: self, invisibly. **Method** sendKeys(): Send specified key presses to control. Usage: Widget\$sendKeys(keys) Arguments: keys Keys to send to the widget or the app. See webdriver::key for how to specific special keys. Method listTabs(): Lists the tab names of a shiny::tabsetPanel(). It fails for other types of widgets.

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```
Usage:
Widget$listTabs()

Method uploadFile(): Upload a file to a shiny::fileInput(). It fails for other types of widgets.

Usage:
Widget$uploadFile(filename)

Arguments:
filename Path to file to upload

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:
Widget$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

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