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 inline-package

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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, name=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 named list of such character vectors. The names of the list elements will be used as function names (see example). If sig is not a list, the function name used in the code can be specified by the name argument.
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, objc++ and objcpp. 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.
cppargs	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the PKG_CPPFLAGS environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example c("-I/usr/local/lib/foo", "-D" and are passed along verbatim.
cxxargs	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the PKG_CXXFLAGS environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example c("-I/usr/local/lib/foo", "-D" and are passed along verbatim.

libargs	Optional character vector of tokens to be passed to the compiler via the PKG_LIBS environment variable. Elements should be fully formed as for example <code>c("-L/usr/local/lib/foo-lfoo", "--lpthread")</code> and are passed along verbatim.
dim	Optional character vector defining the dimensionality of the function arguments. Of same length as sig. Fortran or F95 only.
implicit	A character vector defining the implicit declaration in Fortran or F95; the default is to use the implicit typing rules for Fortran, which is integer for names starting with the letters I through N, and real 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.
module	Name(s) of any modules to be used in the Fortran or F95 subroutine.
name	Function name to be used in the code. Only used if sig is not a list. This is useful if the DLL created is to be used in conjunction with the ode function of the deSolve package.
...	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)
```

```

## Give the function in the source code a name
cubefn5 <- cfunction(signature(n="integer", x="numeric"), code4, language = "C", convention = ".C",
  name = "cubefn")
code(cubefn5)

## 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
setMethod("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 (requireNamespace("Rcpp", quietly=TRUE)) {

  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 (requireNamespace("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 of 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	<i>Generate the skeleton of a package</i>
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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

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*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 compiled function objects*

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## Description

moveDLL moves the DLL used by a compiled function to a user defined location.

writeCFunc saves a CFunc object after the DLL has been moved to the desired location using moveDLL.

readCFunc reads a CFunc object that has been saved using writeCFunc.

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

**Usage**

```

moveDLL(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CFunc'
moveDLL(x, name, directory, unload = FALSE, overwrite = FALSE, verbose = FALSE)

writeCFunc(x, file)
readCFunc(file)

## S4 method for signature 'CFunc'
print(x)
## S4 method for signature 'CFuncList'
print(x)

## S4 method for signature 'CFunc'
code(x, linenumbers = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'CFuncList'
code(x, linenumbers = TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

x	A CFunc or CFuncList object as created by <a href="#">cfunction</a>
name	The base of the file name that the DLL should be moved to. The file name extension will depend on the operating system used
directory	The directory that the DLL should be written to
unload	In case the new path constructed from name and directory points to a loaded DLL, should we unload it?
overwrite	In case there is a file at the new path constructed from name and directory should we overwrite that file?
verbose	Should we print a message stating where the DLL was copied if the operation was successful?
file	The file path for writing and reading the object generated by <a href="#">cfunction</a> . Consider using a file name extension like <code>.rda</code> or <code>.RData</code> to indicate that this is a serialized R object.
linenumbers	If TRUE all code lines will be numbered.
...	May be used in future methods

**Details**

If you move the DLL to a user defined location with `moveDLL`, this will keep an on-disk copy of the DLL which will prevent it from being lost at session termination - unless written to the session `tempdir`. Saving and reloading the CFunc object with standard tools like `save` or `saveRDS` will still loose the pointer to the DLL. However, when the DLL has been moved using `moveDLL`, CFunc objects can be saved by `writeCFunc` and restored by `readCFunc`.

**Value**

Function `readDynLib` returns a CFunc object.

Function `writeDynLib` returns the name of the .CFunc file that was created.

**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:
# The following code is exempted from the automated tests of example code, as
# it writes to the users home directory.
# The following writes the DLL, e.g. cubefn.so on Linux/Unix or cubefn.dll
# on Windows
moveDLL(cubefn, name = "cubefn", directory = "~")
path <- file.path("~", "cubefn.rda")
writeCFunc(cubefn, path)
rm(cubefn)

# Now you can start a fresh R session and load the function
library(inline)
path <- file.path("~", "cubefn.rda")
cfn <- readCFunc(path)
```

```
cfn(3, 1:3)$x
```

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

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