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# Description

This function appends a specified import statement to the end of each Python file within the \_rixpress folder and its subdirectories, but only for files whose base name matches the provided Nix environment.

```
add_import(import_statement, nix_env, project_path = ".")
```

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# **Arguments**

import\_statement

A character string representing the import statement to be added. For example,

"import numpy as np".

nix\_env A character string naming the Nix environment file (e.g. "default.nix" or

"py-env.nix" or similar).

project\_path Path to root of project, typically ".".

#### Value

No return value; the function performs in-place modifications of the files.

#### See Also

Other python import: adjust\_import()

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Assuming project is in current working directory
add_import("import numpy as np", "default.nix")
# If project is elsewhere:
# add_import("import numpy as np", "default.nix", project_path = "path/to/project")
## End(Not run)
```

adjust\_import

Adjust Python import statements

## **Description**

When calling rxp\_populate(), a file containing Python import statements is automatically generated inside the \_rixpress folder. For example, if the numpy package is needed, the file will include a line like "import numpy". However, Python programmers often write "import numpy as np" instead.

#### Usage

```
adjust_import(old_import, new_import, project_path = ".")
```

#### **Arguments**

old\_import A character string representing the import statement to be replaced. For exam-

ple, "import pillow".

new\_import A character string representing the new import statement to replace with. For

example, "from PIL import Image".

project\_path Path to root of project, typically ".".

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## **Details**

In some cases, the correct import statement is entirely different. For example, for the pillow package, the generated file will contain "import pillow", which is incorrect—Python code should import from the PIL namespace instead, e.g., "from PIL import Image".

Because these adjustments cannot be automated reliably, the adjust\_import() function allows you to search and replace import statements programmatically. It reads each file in the \_rixpress folder, performs the replacement, and writes the modified content back to the file.

#### Value

No return value; the function performs in-place modifications of the files.

## See Also

```
Other python import: add_import()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Assuming your project is in the current working directory
adjust_import("import pillow", "from PIL import Image")
# If project is elsewhere:
# adjust_import("import pillow", "from PIL import Image", project_path = "path/to/project")
## End(Not run)
```

```
print.rxp_derivation Print method for derivation objects
```

# **Description**

Print method for derivation objects

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rxp_derivation'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
x An object of class "rxp_derivation"... Additional arguments passed to print methods
```

#### Value

Nothing, prints a summary of the derivation object to the console.

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## See Also

```
Other utilities: rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# d0 is a previously defined derivation
  print(d0)
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_copy

Copy derivations from the Nix store to current working directory

# Description

When Nix builds a derivation, its output is saved in the Nix store located under /nix/store/. Even though you can import the derivations into the current R session using rxp\_read() or rxp\_load(), it can be useful to copy the outputs to the current working directory. This is especially useful for Quarto documents, where there can be more than one input, as is the case for html output.

## Usage

```
rxp_copy(derivation_name = NULL, dir_mode = "0755", file_mode = "0644")
```

# Arguments

derivation\_name

The name of the derivation to copy. If empty, then all the derivations are copied.

dir\_mode Character, default "0755". POSIX permission mode to apply to directories under

the copied output (including the top-level output directory).

file\_mode Character, default "0644". POSIX permission mode to apply to files under the

copied output.

#### Value

Nothing, the contents of the Nix store are copied to the current working directory.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Copy all derivations to the current working directory
    rxp_copy()

# Copy a specific derivation
    rxp_copy("mtcars")

# Copy with custom permissions (e.g., make scripts executable)
    rxp_copy("my_deriv", dir_mode = "0755", file_mode = "0644")

# Copy a Quarto document output with multiple files
    rxp_copy("my_quarto_doc")

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_dag\_for\_ci

Export DAG of pipeline and prepare it for rendering on CI

# **Description**

This function generates a DOT file representation of the pipeline DAG, suitable for visualization, potentially on CI platforms. It is called by rxp\_ga().

## Usage

```
rxp_dag_for_ci(
  nodes_and_edges = get_nodes_edges(),
  output_file = "_rixpress/dag.dot"
)
```

## Arguments

```
nodes_and_edges
```

List, output of get\_nodes\_edges(). Defaults to calling get\_nodes\_edges().

output\_file

Character, the path where the DOT file should be saved. Defaults to "\_rixpress/dag.dot". The directory will be created if it doesn't exist.

#### Value

Nothing, writes the DOT file to the specified output\_file.

#### See Also

```
Other ci utilities: rxp_ga(), rxp_write_dag()
```

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Generate the default _rixpress/dag.dot
    rxp_dag_for_ci()
## End(Not run)
```

# Description

Creates a single archive file containing the specified Nix store paths and their dependencies. This archive can be transferred to another machine and imported into its Nix store.

## Usage

```
rxp_export_artifacts(
   archive_file = "_rixpress/pipeline_outputs.nar",
   which_log = NULL,
   project_path = "."
)
```

## **Arguments**

archive\_file Character, path to the archive, defaults to "\_rixpress/pipeline-outputs.nar"

which\_log Character or NULL, regex pattern to match a specific log file. If NULL (default), the most recent log file will be used.

project\_path Character, defaults to ".". Path to the root directory of the project.

## Value

Nothing, creates an archive file at the specified location.

## See Also

Other archive caching functions: rxp\_import\_artifacts()

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Export the most recent build to the default location
    rxp_export_artifacts()

# Export a specific build to a custom location
    rxp_export_artifacts(
        archive_file = "my_archive.nar",
```

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```
which_log = "20250510"
)
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_ga

Run a pipeline on GitHub Actions

# **Description**

Run a pipeline on GitHub Actions

# Usage

```
rxp_ga()
```

# **Details**

This function puts a .yaml file inside the .github/workflows/ folder on the root of your project. This workflow file expects both scripts generated by rxp\_init(), gen-env.R and gen-pipeline.R to be present. If that's not the case, edit the .yaml file accordingly. Build artifacts are archived and restored automatically between runs. Make sure to give read and write permissions to the GitHub Actions bot.

# Value

Nothing, copies file to a directory.

## See Also

```
Other ci utilities: rxp_dag_for_ci(), rxp_write_dag()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    rxp_ga()
## End(Not run)
```

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Garbage Collect Rixpress Build Artifacts and Logs

# Description

This function performs garbage collection on Nix store paths and build log files generated by rixpress. It can operate in two modes: full garbage collection (when keep\_since = NULL) or targeted deletion based on log file age.

# Usage

```
rxp_gc(
  keep_since = NULL,
  project_path = ".",
  dry_run = FALSE,
  timeout_sec = 300,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ask = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

keep_since	Date or character string (YYYY-MM-DD format). If provided, only build logs older than this date will be targeted for deletion, along with their associated Nix store paths. If NULL, performs a full Nix garbage collection. Default is NULL.
project_path	Character string specifying the path to the project directory containing the <code>_rixpress</code> folder with build logs. Default is "." (current directory).
dry_run	Logical. If TRUE, shows what would be deleted without actually performing any deletions. Useful for previewing the cleanup operation. Default is FALSE.
timeout_sec	Numeric. Timeout in seconds for individual Nix commands. Also used for concurrency lock expiration. Default is 300 seconds.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, provides detailed output including full paths, command outputs, and diagnostic information about references preventing deletion. Default is FALSE.
ask	Logical. If TRUE, ask for user confirmation before performing deleting artifacts. Default is TRUE.

## **Details**

The function operates in two modes:

**Full Garbage Collection Mode** (keep\_since = NULL):

- Runs nix-store --gc to delete all unreferenced store paths
- Does not delete any build log files
- Suitable for complete cleanup of unused Nix store paths

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# **Targeted Deletion Mode** (keep\_since specified):

- Identifies build logs older than the specified date
- Extracts store paths from old logs using rxp\_inspect()
- Protects recent store paths by creating temporary GC roots
- Attempts to delete old store paths individually using nix-store --delete
- Deletes the corresponding build log . json files from \_rixpress/
- Handles referenced paths gracefully (paths that cannot be deleted due to dependencies)

**Concurrency Safety:** The function uses a lock file mechanism to prevent multiple instances from running simultaneously, which could interfere with each other's GC root management.

Reference Handling: Some store paths may not be deletable because they are still referenced by:

- User or system profile generations
- Active Nix shell environments
- Result symlinks in project directories
- Other store paths that depend on them

These paths are reported but not considered errors.

#### Value

Invisibly returns a list with cleanup summary information:

- kept: Vector of build log filenames that were kept
- deleted: Vector of build log filenames targeted for deletion
- protected: Number of store paths protected via GC roots (date-based mode)
- deleted\_count: Number of store paths successfully deleted
- failed\_count: Number of store paths that failed to delete
- referenced\_count: Number of store paths skipped due to references
- log\_files\_deleted: Number of build log files successfully deleted
- log\_files\_failed: Number of build log files that failed to delete
- dry\_run\_details: List of detailed information when dry\_run = TRUE

#### See Also

```
rxp_list_logs, rxp_inspect
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(),
rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

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# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Preview what would be deleted (dry run)
rxp_gc(keep_since = "2025-08-01", dry_run = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
# Delete artifacts from builds older than August 1st, 2025
rxp_gc(keep_since = "2025-08-01")
# Full garbage collection of all unreferenced store paths
rxp_gc()
# Clean up artifacts older than 30 days ago
rxp_gc(keep_since = Sys.Date() - 30)
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_ggdag

Create a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) representing the pipeline using {ggplot2}

# **Description**

Uses {ggdag} to generate the plot. {ggdag} is a soft dependency of {rixpress} so you need to install it to use this function.

## Usage

```
rxp_ggdag(nodes_and_edges = get_nodes_edges())
```

## **Arguments**

## Value

```
A {ggplot2} object.
```

## See Also

Other visualisation functions: rxp\_visnetwork()

# Examples

```
## Not run:
    rxp_ggdag()
## End(Not run)
```

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## **Description**

Imports the store paths contained in an archive file into the local Nix store. Useful for transferring built outputs between machines.

# Usage

```
rxp_import_artifacts(archive_file = "_rixpress/pipeline_outputs.nar")
```

## **Arguments**

archive\_file Character, path to the archive, defaults to "\_rixpress/pipeline-outputs.nar"

#### Value

Nothing, imports the archive contents into the local Nix store.

# See Also

Other archive caching functions: rxp\_export\_artifacts()

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Import from the default archive location
    rxp_import_artifacts()

# Import from a custom archive file
    rxp_import_artifacts("path/to/my_archive.nar")

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_init

Initialize rixpress project

# **Description**

Generates gen-env.R and gen-pipeline.R scripts in the specified project directory, after asking the user for confirmation. If the user declines, no changes are made.

```
rxp_init(project_path = ".", skip_prompt = FALSE)
```

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# **Arguments**

project\_path Character string specifying the project's path.

skip\_prompt Logical. If TRUE, skips all confirmation prompts and proceeds with initializa-

tion, useful on continuous integration. Defaults to FALSE.

#### **Details**

Creates (overwriting if they already exist):

- gen-env.R: Script to define an execution environment with {rix}.
- gen-pipeline.R: Defines a data pipeline with {rixpress}.

## Value

Logical. Returns TRUE if initialization was successful, FALSE if the operation was cancelled by the user.

## See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

## **Examples**

```
# Default usage (will prompt before any action)
## Not run:
    rxp_init()
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_inspect

Inspect the build result of a pipeline.

## **Description**

Returns a data frame with four columns: - derivation: the name of the derivation - build\_success: whether the build was successful or not - path: the path of this derivation in the Nix store - output: the output, if this derivation was built successfully. Empty outputs mean that this derivation was not built successfully. Several outputs for a single derivation are possible. In the derivation column you will find an object called all-derivations. This object is generated automatically for internal purposes, and you can safely ignore it.

```
rxp_inspect(project_path = ".", which_log = NULL)
```

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# Arguments

Character, defaults to ".". Path to the root directory of the project. project\_path Character, defaults to NULL. If NULL the most recent build log is used. If a which\_log

string is provided, it's used as a regular expression to match against available

log files.

#### Value

A data frame with derivation names, if their build was successful, their paths in the /nix/store, and their build outputs.

# See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_list_logs(),
rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
  # Inspect the most recent build
  build_results <- rxp_inspect()</pre>
  # Inspect a specific build log
  build_results <- rxp_inspect(which_log = "20250510")</pre>
  # Check which derivations failed
  failed <- subset(build_results, !build_success)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_jl

Create a Nix expression running a Julia function

## **Description**

Create a Nix expression running a Julia function

```
rxp_jl(
  name,
  expr,
  additional_files = "",
  user_functions = "",
  nix_env = "default.nix",
  encoder = NULL,
  decoder = NULL,
  env_var = NULL,
```

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```
noop_build = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

name Symbol, name of the derivation.

expr Character, Julia code to generate the expression. Ideally it should be a call to a

pure function. Multi-line expressions are not supported.

additional\_files

Character vector, additional files to include during the build process. For example, if a function expects a certain file to be available, this is where you should

include it.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or

scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only

include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

encoder Character, defaults to NULL. The name of the Julia function used to serialize

the object. It must accept two arguments: the object to serialize (first), and the target file path (second). If NULL, the default behaviour uses the built-in Serialization.serialize API. Define any custom serializer in functions.jl.

See vignette ("encoding-decoding") for more details.

decoder Character or named vector/list, defaults to NULL. Can be:

• A single string for the Julia function to unserialize all upstream objects

• A named vector/list where names are upstream dependency names and values are their specific unserialize functions If NULL, the default is Serialization.deserialize.

See vignette("encoding-decoding") for more details.

env\_var Character vector, defaults to NULL. A named vector of environment variables to

set before running the Julia script, e.g., c("JULIA\_DEPOT\_PATH" = "/path/to/depot").

Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

noop\_build Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the derivation produces a no-op build (a

stub output with no actual build steps). Any downstream derivations depending

on a no-op build will themselves also become no-op builds.

#### Details

At a basic level, rxp\_jl(filtered\_data, "filter(df, :col .> 10)") is equivalent to filtered\_data = filter(df, :col in Julia. rxp\_jl() generates the required Nix boilerplate to output a so-called "derivation" in Nix jargon. A Nix derivation is a recipe that defines how to create an output (in this case filtered\_data) including its dependencies, build steps, and output paths.

#### Value

An object of class derivation which inherits from lists.

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## See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file(), rxp_rmd()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Basic usage, no custom serializer
rxp_jl(
 name = filtered_df,
 expr = "filter(df, :col .> 10)"
# Skip building this derivation
rxp_jl(
 name = model_result,
 expr = "train_model(data)",
 noop\_build = TRUE
)
# Custom serialization: assume `save_my_obj(obj, path)` is defined in functions.jl
rxp_jl(
 name = model_output,
 expr = "train_model(data)",
 encoder = "save_my_obj",
 user_functions = "functions.jl"
)
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_jl\_file

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using Julia.

# **Description**

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using Julia.

## Usage

```
rxp_jl_file(...)
```

# **Arguments**

Arguments passed on to rxp\_file

name Symbol, the name of the derivation.

path Character, the file path to include (e.g., "data/mtcars.shp") or a folder path (e.g., "data"). See details.

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read\_function Function, an R function to read the data, taking one argument (the path). This can be a user-defined function that is made available using user\_functions. See details.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

env\_var List, defaults to NULL. A named list of environment variables to set before running the R script, e.g., c(VAR = "hello"). Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

encoder Function/character, defaults to NULL. A language-specific serializer to write the loaded object to disk.

- R: function/symbol/character (e.g., qs::qsave) taking (object, path).
   Defaults to saveRDS.
- Python: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using pickle.dump.
- Julia: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using Serialization.serialize.

#### **Details**

The basic usage is to provide a path to a file, and the function to read it. For example: rxp\_r\_file(mtcars, path = "data/mtcars.csv", read\_function = read.csv). It is also possible instead to point to a folder that contains many files that should all be read at once, for example: rxp\_r\_file(many\_csvs, path = "data", read\_See the vignette("importing-data") vignette for more detailed examples.

#### Value

An object of class rxp\_derivation.

## See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file(), rxp_rmd()
```

rxp\_list\_logs

List all available build logs

#### **Description**

Returns a data frame with information about all build logs in the project's \_rixpress directory.

```
rxp_list_logs(project_path = ".")
```

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## **Arguments**

```
project_path Character, defaults to ".". Path to the root directory of the project.
```

#### Value

A data frame with log filenames, modification times, and file sizes.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_load(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # List all build logs in the current project
    logs <- rxp_list_logs()

# List logs from a specific project directory
    logs <- rxp_list_logs("path/to/project")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

rxp\_load

Load output of a derivation

# **Description**

Loads the output of derivations in the parent frame of the current session, returns a path if reading directly is not possible.

# Usage

```
rxp_load(derivation_name, which_log = NULL, project_path = ".")
```

## **Arguments**

derivation\_name

Character, the name of the derivation.

which\_log

Character, defaults to NULL. If NULL the most recent build log is used. If a string is provided, it's used as a regular expression to match against available log files.

project\_path

Character, defaults to ".". Path to the root directory of the project.

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#### **Details**

When derivation\_name points to a single R object, it gets loaded in the current session using assign(..., envir = parent.frame()), which corresponds to the global environment in a regular interactive session. If you're trying to load a Python object and {reticulate} is available, reticulate::py\_load\_object() is used and then the object gets loaded into the global environment. In case the derivation is pointing to several outputs (which can happen when building a Quarto document for example) or loading fails, the path to the object is returned instead.

#### Value

Nothing, this function has the side effect of loading objects into the parent frame.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_read(), rxp_trace()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Load an R object
    rxp_load("mtcars")

# Load a Python object
    rxp_load("my_python_model")

# Load from a specific build log
    rxp_load("mtcars", which_log = "2025-05-10")

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_make

Build pipeline using Nix

# **Description**

Runs nix-build with a quiet flag, outputting to \_rixpress/result.

# Usage

```
rxp_make(verbose = 0L, max_jobs = 1, cores = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

verbose

Integer, defaults to 0L. Verbosity level: 0 = show progress indicators only, 1+ = show nix output with increasing verbosity. 0: "Progress only", 1: "Informational", 2: "Talkative", 3: "Chatty", 4: "Debug", 5: "Vomit". Values higher than 5 are capped to 5. Each level adds one –verbose flag to nix-store command.

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max\_jobs Integer, number of derivations to be built in parallel.

cores Integer, number of cores a derivation can use during build.

#### Value

A character vector of paths to the built outputs.

#### See Also

```
Other pipeline functions: rxp_populate()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Build the pipeline with progress indicators (default)
    rxp_make()

# Build with verbose output and parallel execution
    rxp_make(verbose = 2, max_jobs = 4, cores = 2)

# Maximum verbosity
    rxp_make(verbose = 3)

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_populate

Generate Nix Pipeline Code

## **Description**

This function generates a pipeline.nix file based on a list of derivation objects. Each derivation defines a build step, and rxp\_populate() chains these steps and handles the serialization and conversion of Python objects into R objects (or vice-versa). Derivations are created with rxp\_r(), rxp\_py() and so on. By default, the pipeline is also immediately built after being generated, but the build process can be postponed by setting build to FALSE. In this case, the pipeline can then be built using rxp\_make() at a later stage.

#### Usage

```
rxp_populate(derivs, project_path = ".", build = FALSE, py_imports = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

derivs

A list of derivation objects, where each object is a list of five elements: - \$name, character, name of the derivation - \$snippet, character, the nix code snippet to build this derivation - \$type, character, can be R, Python or Quarto - \$additional\_files, character vector of paths to files to make available to build sandbox - \$nix\_env, character, path to Nix environment to build this derivation A single deriv is the output of rxp\_r(), rxp\_qmd() or rxp\_py() function.

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project\_path Path to root of project, defaults to ".".

build Logical, defaults to FALSE. Should the pipeline get built right after being gen-

erated? When FALSE, use rxp\_make() to build the pipeline at a later stage.

py\_imports Named character vector of Python import rewrites. Names are the base modules

that rixpress auto-imports as "import ", and values are the desired import lines. For example: c(numpy = "import numpy as np", xgboost = "from xgboost import XGBClassifier"). Each entry is applied by replacing "import " with the provided

string across generated \_rixpress Python library files.

.. Further arguments passed down to methods. Use max-jobs and cores to set

parallelism during build. See the documentation of rxp\_make() for more de-

tails.

#### **Details**

The generated pipeline.nix expression includes:

- the required imports of environments, typically default.nix files generated by the rix package;
- correct handling of interdependencies of the different derivations;
- serialization and deserialization of both R and Python objects, and conversion between them when objects are passed from one language to another;
- correct loading of R and Python packages, or extra functions needed to build specific targets

The \_rixpress folder contains:

- R, Python or Julia scripts to load the required packages that need to be available to the pipeline.
- a JSON file with the DAG of the pipeline, used for visualisation, and to allow rxp\_populate() to generate the right dependencies between derivations.
- .rds files with build logs, required for rxp\_inspect() and rxp\_gc(). See vignette("debugging")
  for more details.

Inline Python import adjustments In some cases, due to the automatic handling of Python packages, users might want to change import statements. By default if, say, pandas is needed to build a derivation, it will be imported with import pandas. However, Python programmers typically use import pandas as pd. You can either:

- use py\_imports to rewrite these automatically during population, or
- use adjust\_import() and add\_import() for advanced/manual control. See vignette("polyglot") for more details.

#### Value

Nothing, writes a file called pipeline.nix with the Nix code to build the pipeline, as well as folder called \_rixpress with required internal files.

## See Also

Other pipeline functions: rxp\_make()

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Create derivation objects
d1 <- rxp_r(mtcars_am, filter(mtcars, am == 1))</pre>
d2 <- rxp_r(mtcars_head, head(mtcars_am))</pre>
list_derivs <- list(d1, d2)</pre>
# Generate and build in one go
rxp_populate(derivs = list_derivs, project_path = ".", build = TRUE)
# Or only populate, with inline Python import adjustments
rxp_populate(
  derivs = list_derivs,
  project_path = ".",
  build = FALSE,
  py_imports = c(pandas = "import pandas as pd")
# Then later:
rxp_make()
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_py

Create a Nix expression running a Python function

## **Description**

Create a Nix expression running a Python function

# Usage

```
rxp_py(
  name,
  expr,
  additional_files = "",
  user_functions = "",
  nix_env = "default.nix",
  encoder = NULL,
  decoder = NULL,
  env_var = NULL,
  noop_build = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

name Symbol, name of the derivation.

expr Character, Python code to generate the expression. Ideally it should be a call to a pure function. Multi-line expressions are not supported.

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additional\_files

Character vector, additional files to include during the build process. For example, if a function expects a certain file to be available, this is where you should include it.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env

Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

encoder

Character, defaults to NULL. The name of the Python function used to serialize the object. It must accept two arguments: the object to serialize (first), and the target file path (second). If NULL, the default behaviour uses pickle.dump. Define this function in functions.py. See vignette("encoding-decoding") for more details.

decoder

Character or named vector/list, defaults to NULL. Can be:

- A single string for the Python function to unserialize all upstream objects
- A named vector/list where names are upstream dependency names and values are their specific unserialize functions If NULL, the default uses pickle.load. See vignette("encoding-decoding") for more details.

env\_var

Character vector, defaults to NULL. A named vector of environment variables before running the Python script, e.g., c(PYTHONPATH = "/path/to/modules"). Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

noop\_build

Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the derivation produces a no-op build (a stub output with no actual build steps). Any downstream derivations depending on a no-op build will themselves also become no-op builds.

#### **Details**

At a basic level, rxp\_py(mtcars\_am, "mtcars.filter(polars.col('am') == 1).to\_pandas()") is equivalent to mtcars\_am = mtcars.filter(polars.col('am') == 1).to\_pandas().rxp\_py() generates the required Nix boilerplate to output a so-called "derivation" in Nix jargon. A Nix derivation is a recipe that defines how to create an output (in this case mtcars\_am) including its dependencies, build steps, and output paths.

#### Value

An object of class derivation which inherits from lists.

# See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file(),
rxp_rmd()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
 rxp_py(
```

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```
mtcars_pl_am,
  expr = "mtcars_pl.filter(polars.col('am') == 1).to_pandas()"
)

# Skip building this derivation
rxp_py(
  data_prep,
  expr = "preprocess_data(raw_data)",
  noop_build = TRUE
)

# Custom serialization
rxp_py(
  mtcars_pl_am,
  expr = "mtcars_pl.filter(polars.col('am') == 1).to_pandas()",
  user_functions = "functions.py",
  encoder = "serialize_model",
  additional_files = "some_required_file.bin")

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_py2r

Transfer Python object into an R session.

# **Description**

Transfer Python object into an R session.

## Usage

```
rxp_py2r(name, expr, nix_env = "default.nix")
```

#### **Arguments**

name Symbol, name of the derivation.

expr Symbol, Python object to be loaded into R.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

# **Details**

rxp\_py2r(my\_obj, my\_python\_object) loads a serialized Python object and saves it as an RDS
file using reticulate::py\_load\_object().

# Value

An object of class rxp\_derivation.

#### See Also

Other interop functions: rxp\_r2py()

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rxp\_py\_file

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using Python.

## **Description**

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using Python.

## Usage

```
rxp_py_file(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

... Arguments passed on to rxp\_file

name Symbol, the name of the derivation.

path Character, the file path to include (e.g., "data/mtcars.shp") or a folder path (e.g., "data"). See details.

read\_function Function, an R function to read the data, taking one argument (the path). This can be a user-defined function that is made available using user\_functions. See details.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

env\_var List, defaults to NULL. A named list of environment variables to set before running the R script, e.g., c(VAR = "hello"). Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

encoder Function/character, defaults to NULL. A language-specific serializer to write the loaded object to disk.

- R: function/symbol/character (e.g., qs::qsave) taking (object, path). Defaults to saveRDS.
- Python: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using pickle.dump.
- Julia: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using Serialization.serialize.

#### **Details**

The basic usage is to provide a path to a file, and the function to read it. For example: rxp\_r\_file(mtcars, path = "data/mtcars.csv", read\_function = read.csv). It is also possible instead to point to a folder that contains many files that should all be read at once, for example: rxp\_r\_file(many\_csvs, path = "data", read\_See the vignette("importing-data") vignette for more detailed examples.

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#### Value

An object of class rxp\_derivation.

#### See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file(), rxp_rmd()
```

rxp\_qmd

Render a Quarto document as a Nix derivation

# **Description**

Render a Quarto document as a Nix derivation

# Usage

```
rxp_qmd(
  name,
  qmd_file,
  additional_files = "",
  nix_env = "default.nix",
  args = "",
  env_var = NULL,
  noop_build = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

name Symbol, derivation name.

qmd\_file Character, path to .qmd file.

additional\_files
Character vector additional

Character vector, additional files to include, for example a folder containing

images to include in the Quarto document.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

args A character of additional arguments to be passed directly to the quarto com-

mand.

env\_var List, defaults to NULL. A named list of environment variables to set before run-

ning the Quarto render command, e.g., c(QUARTO\_PROFILE = "production").

Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

noop\_build Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the derivation produces a no-op build (a

stub output with no actual build steps). Any downstream derivations depending

on a no-op build will themselves also become no-op builds.

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## **Details**

To include built derivations in the document, rxp\_read("derivation\_name") should be put in the .qmd file.

#### Value

An object of class derivation which inherits from lists.

# See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file(), rxp_rmd()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
  \mbox{\tt\#} Compile a .qmd file to a pdf using typst
  \ensuremath{\mbox{\# `images`}} is a folder containing images to include in the Quarto doc
  rxp_qmd(
    name = report,
    qmd_file = "report.qmd",
    additional_files = "images",
    args = "--to typst"
  )
  # Skip building this derivation
  rxp_qmd(
    name = draft_report,
    qmd_file = "draft.qmd",
    noop_build = TRUE
  )
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_r

Create a Nix expression running an R function

## **Description**

Create a Nix expression running an R function

```
rxp_r(
  name,
  expr,
  additional_files = "",
  user_functions = "",
```

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```
nix_env = "default.nix",
encoder = NULL,
decoder = NULL,
env_var = NULL,
noop_build = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

name Symbol, name of the derivation.

expr R code to generate the expression. Ideally it should be a call to a pure function,

or a piped expression. Multi-line expressions are not supported.

additional\_files

Character vector, additional files to include during the build process. For example, if a function expects a certain file to be available, this is where you should

include it.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or

scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only

include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

encoder Function or character defaults to NULL. A function used to encode (serialize)

objects for transfer between derivations. It must accept two arguments: the object to encode (first), and the target file path (second). If your function has a different signature, wrap it to match this interface. By default, saveRDS() is used, but this may yield unexpected results, especially for complex objects like ma-

chine learning models. For instance, for {keras} models, use keras::save\_model\_hdf5()

to capture the full model (architecture, weights, training config, optimiser state,

etc.). See vignette("encoding-decoding") for more details.

decoder Function, character, or named vector/list, defaults to NULL. Can be:

• A single function/string to decode (unserialize) all upstream objects (e.g.,

readRDS)A named vector/list where names are upstream dependency names and val-

ues are their specific decoding functions (e.g., c(mtcars\_tail = "qs::qread",
mtcars\_head = "read.csv")) By default, readRDS() is used. See vignette("encoding-decoding")

for more details.

env\_var Character vector, defaults to NULL. A named vector of environment variables to

set before running the R script, e.g., c("CMDSTAN" = "\${defaultPkgs.cmdstan}/opt/cmdstan)".

Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

noop\_build Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the derivation produces a no-op build (a

stub output with no actual build steps). Any downstream derivations depending

on a no-op build will themselves also become no-op builds.

## Details

At a basic level, rxp\_r(mtcars\_am, filter(mtcars, am == 1)) is equivalent to mtcars\_am <- filter(mtcars, am == 1). rxp\_r() generates the required Nix boilerplate to output a so-called

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"derivation" in Nix jargon. A Nix derivation is a recipe that defines how to create an output (in this case mtcars\_am) including its dependencies, build steps, and output paths.

# Value

An object of class derivation which inherits from lists.

#### See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r_file(), rxp_rmd()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
 # Basic usage
 rxp_r(name = filtered_mtcars, expr = filter(mtcars, am == 1))
 # Skip building this derivation
 rxp_r(
   name = turtles,
   expr = occurrence(species, geometry = atlantic),
   noop_build = TRUE
 )
 # Serialize object using qs
  name = filtered_mtcars,
  expr = filter(mtcars, am == 1),
  encoder = qs::qsave
 # Unerialize using qs::qread in the next derivation
 rxp_r(
  name = mtcars_mpg,
  expr = select(filtered_mtcars, mpg),
  decoder = qs::qread
 )
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_r2py

Transfer R object into a Python session.

# **Description**

Transfer R object into a Python session.

```
rxp_r2py(name, expr, nix_env = "default.nix")
```

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#### **Arguments**

name Symbol, name of the derivation.

expr Symbol, R object to be saved into a Python pickle.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

#### **Details**

```
rxp_r2py(my_obj, my_r_object) saves an R object to a Python pickle using reticulate::py_save_object().
```

## Value

An object of class rxp\_derivation.

#### See Also

Other interop functions: rxp\_py2r()

# **Description**

Reads the output of derivations in the current session, returns a path if reading directly is not possible.

## Usage

```
rxp_read(derivation_name, which_log = NULL, project_path = ".")
```

# Arguments

derivation\_name

Character, the name of the derivation.

which\_log Character, defaults to NULL. If NULL the most recent build log is used. If a

string is provided, it's used as a regular expression to match against available

log files.

project\_path Character, defaults to ".". Path to the root directory of the project.

#### **Details**

When derivation\_name points to a single R object, it gets read in the current session using readRDS(). If it's a Python object and {reticulate} is available, reticulate::py\_load\_object() is used. In case the derivation is pointing to several outputs (which can happen when building a Quarto document for example) or neither readRDS() nor reticulate::py\_load\_object() successfully read the object, the path to the object is returned instead.

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# Value

The derivation's output.

#### See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_load(), rxp_trace()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    mtcars <- rxp_read("mtcars")

# Read from a specific build log
    mtcars <- rxp_read("mtcars", which_log = "2025-05-10")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

rxp\_rmd

Render an R Markdown document as a Nix derivation

# Description

Render an R Markdown document as a Nix derivation

# Usage

```
rxp_rmd(
  name,
  rmd_file,
  additional_files = "",
  nix_env = "default.nix",
  params = NULL,
  env_var = NULL,
  noop_build = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

nix\_env

name Symbol, derivation name.
rmd\_file Character, path to .Rmd file.
additional\_files

Character vector, additional files to include, for example a folder containing the pictures to include in the R Markdown document.

Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

params List, parameters to pass to the R Markdown document. Default is NULL.

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env\_var List, defaults to NULL. A named list of environment variables to set before run-

ning the R Markdown render command, e.g., c(RSTUDIO\_PANDOC = "/path/to/pandoc").

Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

noop\_build Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, the derivation produces a no-op build (a

stub output with no actual build steps). Any downstream derivations depending

on a no-op build will themselves also become no-op builds.

## **Details**

To include objects built in the pipeline, rxp\_read("derivation\_name") should be put in the .Rmd file.

#### Value

An object of class derivation which inherits from lists.

## See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_r_file()
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # Compile a .Rmd file to a pdf
# `images` is a folder containing images to include in the R Markdown doc
rxp_rmd(
    name = report,
    rmd_file = "report.Rmd",
    additional_files = "images"
)

# Skip building this derivation
rxp_rmd(
    name = draft_report,
    rmd_file = "draft.Rmd",
    noop_build = TRUE
)

## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_r\_file

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using R.

# Description

Creates a Nix expression that reads in a file (or folder of data) using R.

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#### Usage

```
rxp_r_file(...)
```

## **Arguments**

... Arguments passed on to rxp\_file

name Symbol, the name of the derivation.

path Character, the file path to include (e.g., "data/mtcars.shp") or a folder path (e.g., "data"). See details.

read\_function Function, an R function to read the data, taking one argument (the path). This can be a user-defined function that is made available using user\_functions. See details.

user\_functions Character vector, user-defined functions to include. This should be a script (or scripts) containing user-defined functions to include during the build process for this derivation. It is recommended to use one script per function, and only include the required script(s) in the derivation.

nix\_env Character, path to the Nix environment file, default is "default.nix".

env\_var List, defaults to NULL. A named list of environment variables to set before running the R script, e.g., c(VAR = "hello"). Each entry will be added as an export statement in the build phase.

encoder Function/character, defaults to NULL. A language-specific serializer to write the loaded object to disk.

- R: function/symbol/character (e.g., qs::qsave) taking (object, path). Defaults to saveRDS.
- Python: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using pickle.dump.
- Julia: character name of a function taking (object, path). Defaults to using Serialization.serialize.

## **Details**

The basic usage is to provide a path to a file, and the function to read it. For example: rxp\_r\_file(mtcars, path = "data/mtcars.csv", read\_function = read.csv). It is also possible instead to point to a folder that contains many files that should all be read at once, for example: rxp\_r\_file(many\_csvs, path = "data", read\_See the vignette("importing-data") vignette for more detailed examples.

#### Value

An object of class rxp\_derivation.

#### See Also

```
Other derivations: rxp_jl(), rxp_jl_file(), rxp_py(), rxp_py_file(), rxp_qmd(), rxp_r(), rxp_rmd()
```

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rxp_trace	Trace lineage of derivations	

# **Description**

Trace lineage of derivations

# Usage

```
rxp_trace(
  name = NULL,
  dag_file = file.path("_rixpress", "dag.json"),
  transitive = TRUE,
  include_self = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

name	Charcter, defaults to NULL. Name of the derivation to inspect. If NULL, the function prints the whole pipeline (inverted global view).
dag_file	Character, defaults to "_rixpress/dag.json". Path to dag.json.
transitive	Logical, defaults to TRUE. If TRUE, show transitive closure and mark transitive-only nodes with "*". If FALSE, show immediate neighbours only.
include_self	Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, include name itself in the results.

# Value

Invisibly, a named list mapping each inspected derivation name to a list with elements: - dependencies - reverse\_dependencies The function also prints a tree representation to the console.

# See Also

```
Other utilities: print.rxp_derivation(), rxp_copy(), rxp_gc(), rxp_init(), rxp_inspect(), rxp_list_logs(), rxp_load(), rxp_read()
```

rxp_visnetwork	Create a Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) representing the pipeline using {visNetwork}
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# Description

Uses {visNetwork} to generate the plot. {visNetwork} is a soft dependency of {rixpress} so you need to install it to use this function.

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## Usage

```
rxp_visnetwork(nodes_and_edges = get_nodes_edges())
```

# **Arguments**

## Value

Nothing, this function opens a new tab in your browser with the DAG generated using {visNetwork}.

## See Also

```
Other visualisation functions: rxp_ggdag()
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    rxp_visnetwork()
## End(Not run)
```

rxp\_write\_dag

Generate a DAG from a list of derivations

# Description

Creates a JSON representation of a directed acyclic graph (DAG) based on dependencies between derivations. Is automatically called by rxp\_populate().

# Usage

```
rxp_write_dag(rxp_list, output_file = "_rixpress/dag.json")
```

# **Arguments**

```
rxp_list A list of derivations.
```

output\_file Path to the output JSON file. Defaults to "\_rixpress/dag.json".

# Value

Nothing, writes a JSON file representing the DAG.

# See Also

```
Other ci utilities: rxp_dag_for_ci(), rxp_ga()
```

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# Examples

```
## Not run:
    rxp_write_dag(rxp_list)
## End(Not run)
```

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