

# Package ‘vcr’

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| as.cassette | <i>Coerce names, etc. to cassettes</i> |
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## Description

Coerce names, etc. to cassettes

Coerce to a cassette path

**Usage**

```
as.cassette(x, ...)
```

```
as.cassettepath(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` Input, a cassette name (character), or something that can be coerced to a cassette  
`...` further arguments passed on to `cassettes()` or `[read_cassette_meta()]`

**Value**

a cassette of class `Cassette`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(dir = tempfile())
insert_cassette("foobar")
cassettes(on_disk = FALSE)
cassettes(on_disk = TRUE)
as.cassette("foobar", on_disk = FALSE)
eject_cassette() # eject the current cassette

# cleanup
unlink(file.path(tempfile(), "foobar.yml"))

## End(Not run)
```

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`cassettes`

*List cassettes, get current cassette, etc.*

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**Description**

List cassettes, get current cassette, etc.

**Usage**

```
cassettes(on_disk = TRUE, verb = FALSE)
```

```
current_cassette()
```

```
cassette_path()
```

**Arguments**

`on_disk` (logical) Check for cassettes on disk + cassettes in session (TRUE), or check for only cassettes in session (FALSE). Default: TRUE

`verb` (logical) verbose messages

## Details

- `cassettes()`: returns cassettes found in your R session, you can toggle whether we pull from those on disk or not
- `current_cassette()`: returns an empty list when no cassettes are in use, while it returns the current cassette (a `Cassette` object) when one is in use
- `cassette_path()`: just gives you the current directory path where cassettes will be stored

## Examples

```
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())

# list all cassettes
cassettes()
cassettes(on_disk = FALSE)

# list the currently active cassette
insert_cassette("stuffthings")
current_cassette()
eject_cassette()

cassettes()
cassettes(on_disk = FALSE)

# list the path to cassettes
cassette_path()
vcr_configure(dir = file.path(tempdir(), "foo"))
cassette_path()

vcr_configure_reset()
```

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check\_cassette\_names *Check cassette names*

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## Description

Check cassette names

## Usage

```
check_cassette_names(  
  pattern = "test-",  
  behavior = "stop",  
  allowed_duplicates = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pattern            | (character) regex pattern for file paths to check. this is done inside of tests/testthat/.<br>default: "test-"                                                                                              |
| behavior           | (character) "stop" (default) or "warning". if "warning", we use immediate.=TRUE so the warning happens at the top of your tests rather than you seeing it after tests have run (as would happen by default) |
| allowed_duplicates | (character) cassette names that can be duplicated                                                                                                                                                           |

**Details**

Cassette names:

- Should be meaningful so that it is obvious to you what test/function they relate to. Meaningful names are important so that you can quickly determine to what test file or test block a cassette belongs. Note that vcr cannot check that your cassette names are meaningful.
- Should not be duplicated. Duplicated cassette names would lead to a test using the wrong cassette.
- Should not have spaces. Spaces can lead to problems in using file paths.
- Should not include a file extension. vcr handles file extensions for the user.
- Should not have illegal characters that can lead to problems in using file paths: /, ?, <, >, \, :, \*, |, and \"
- Should not have control characters, e.g., \n
- Should not have just dots, e.g., . or ..
- Should not have Windows reserved words, e.g., com1
- Should not have trailing dots
- Should not be longer than 255 characters

vcr:::check\_cassette\_names() is meant to be run during your tests, from a `helper-*.R` file inside the tests/testthat directory. It only checks that cassette names are not duplicated. Note that if you do need to have duplicated cassette names you can do so by using the `allowed_duplicates` parameter in `check_cassette_names()`. A helper function `check_cassette_names()` runs inside `insert_cassette()` that checks that cassettes do not have: spaces, file extensions, unaccepted characters (slashes).

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crul\_request

*An HTTP request as prepared by the **crul** package*


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**Description**

The object is a list, and is the object that is passed on to **webmockr** and **vcr** instead of routing through **crul** as normal. Used in examples/tests.

**Format**

A list

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| eject_cassette | <i>Eject a cassette</i> |
|----------------|-------------------------|

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## Description

Eject a cassette

## Usage

```
eject_cassette(  
  cassette = NULL,  
  options = list(),  
  skip_no_unused_interactions_assertion = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

**cassette** (character) a single cassette names to eject; see name parameter definition in [insert\\_cassette\(\)](#) for cassette name rules

**options** (list) a list of options to apply to the eject process

**skip\_no\_unused\_interactions\_assertion** (logical) If TRUE, this will skip the "no unused HTTP interactions" assertion enabled by the `allow_unused_http_interactions = FALSE` cassette option. This is intended for use when your test has had an error, but your test framework has already handled it - IGNORED FOR NOW

## Value

The ejected cassette if there was one

## See Also

[use\\_cassette\(\)](#), [insert\\_cassette\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())  
insert_cassette("hello")  
(x <- current_cassette())  
  
# by default does current cassette  
x <- eject_cassette()  
x  
# can also select by cassette name  
# eject_cassette(cassette = "hello")
```

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HTTPInteraction      *HTTPInteraction class*

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## Description

object holds request and response objects

## Details

### Methods

to\_hash() Create a hash from the HTTPInteraction object

from\_hash(hash) Create a HTTPInteraction object from a hash

### Public fields

request A Request class object

response A VcrResponse class object

recorded\_at (character) Time http interaction recorded at

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [HTTPInteraction\\$new\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteraction\\$to\\_hash\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteraction\\$from\\_hash\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteraction\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** new(): Create a new HTTPInteraction object

*Usage:*

HTTPInteraction\$new(request, response, recorded\_at)

*Arguments:*

request A Request class object

response A VcrResponse class object

recorded\_at (character) Time http interaction recorded at

*Returns:* A new HTTPInteraction object

**Method** to\_hash(): Create a hash from the HTTPInteraction object

*Usage:*

HTTPInteraction\$to\_hash()

*Returns:* a named list

**Method** from\_hash(): Create a HTTPInteraction object from a hash

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteraction$from_hash(hash)
```

*Arguments:*

hash a named list

*Returns:* a new HttpInteraction object

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

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteraction$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# make the request
library(vcr)
url <- "https://eu.httpbin.org/post"
body <- list(foo = "bar")
cli <- crul::HttpClient$new(url = url)
res <- cli$post(body = body)

# build a Request object
(request <- Request$new("POST", uri = url,
  body = body, headers = res$response_headers))
# build a VcrResponse object
(response <- VcrResponse$new(
  res$status_http(),
  res$response_headers,
  res$parse("UTF-8"),
  res$response_headers$status))

# make HTTPInteraction object
(x <- HTTPInteraction$new(request = request, response = response))
x$recorded_at
x$to_hash()

# make an HTTPInteraction from a hash with the object already made
x$from_hash(x$to_hash())

# Make an HTTPInteraction from a hash alone
my_hash <- x$to_hash()
HTTPInteraction$new()$from_hash(my_hash)

## End(Not run)
```



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HTTPInteractionList *HTTPInteractionList class*

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## Description

keeps track of all [HTTPInteraction](#) objects

## Details

### Private Methods

has\_unused\_interactions() Are there any unused interactions? returns boolean

matching\_interaction\_index\_for() asdfadf

matching\_used\_interaction\_for(request) asdfadfs

interaction\_matches\_request(request, interaction) Check if a request matches an interaction (logical)

from\_hash() Get a hash back.

request\_summary(z) Get a request summary (character)

response\_summary(z) Get a response summary (character)

## Public fields

interactions (list) list of interaction class objects

request\_matchers (character) vector of request matchers

allow\_playback\_repeats whether to allow playback repeats

parent\_list A list for empty objects, see `NullList`

used\_interactions (list) Interactions that have been used

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [HTTPInteractionList\\$new\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$response\\_for\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$has\\_interaction\\_matching\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$has\\_used\\_interaction\\_matching\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$remaining\\_unused\\_interaction\\_count\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$assert\\_no\\_unused\\_interactions\(\)](#)
- [HTTPInteractionList\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new `HTTPInteractionList` object

*Usage:*

```

HTTPInteractionList$new(
  interactions,
  request_matchers,
  allow_playback_repeats = FALSE,
  parent_list = NullList$new(),
  used_interactions = list()
)

```

*Arguments:*

*interactions* (list) list of interaction class objects

*request\_matchers* (character) vector of request matchers

*allow\_playback\_repeats* whether to allow playback repeats or not

*parent\_list* A list for empty objects, see `NullList`

*used\_interactions* (list) Interactions that have been used. That is, interactions that are on disk in the current cassette, and a request has been made that matches that interaction

*Returns:* A new `HTTPInteractionList` object

**Method** `response_for()`: Check if there's a matching interaction, returns a response object

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$response_for(request)
```

*Arguments:*

*request* The request from an object of class `HTTPInteraction`

**Method** `has_interaction_matching()`: Check if has a matching interaction

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$has_interaction_matching(request)
```

*Arguments:*

*request* The request from an object of class `HTTPInteraction`

*Returns:* logical

**Method** `has_used_interaction_matching()`: check if has used interactions matching a given request

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$has_used_interaction_matching(request)
```

*Arguments:*

*request* The request from an object of class `HTTPInteraction`

*Returns:* logical

**Method** `remaining_unused_interaction_count()`: Number of unused interactions

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$remaining_unused_interaction_count()
```

*Returns:* integer

**Method** `assert_no_unused_interactions()`: Checks if there are no unused interactions left.

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$assert_no_unused_interactions()
```

*Returns:* various

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

*Usage:*

```
HTTPInteractionList$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(
  dir = tempdir(),
  record = "once"
)

# make interactions
## make the request
### turn off mocking
crul::mock(FALSE)
url <- "https://eu.httpbin.org/post"
cli <- crul::HttpClient$new(url = url)
res <- cli$post(body = list(a = 5))

## request
(request <- Request$new("POST", url, list(a = 5), res$headers))
## response
(response <- VcrResponse$new(
  res$status_http(),
  res$response_headers,
  res$parse("UTF-8"),
  res$response_headers$status))
## make an interaction
(inter <- HTTPInteraction$new(request = request, response = response))

# make an interactionlist
(x <- HTTPInteractionList$new(
  interactions = list(inter),
  request_matchers = vcr_configuration()$match_requests_on
))
x$interactions
x$request_matchers
x$parent_list
x$parent_list$response_for()
x$parent_list$has_interaction_matching()
x$parent_list$has_used_interaction_matching()
x$parent_list$remaining_unused_interaction_count()
x$used_interactions
x$allow_playback_repeats
```

```
x$interactions
x$response_for(request)

## End(Not run)
```

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```
http_interactions      Get the http interactions of the current cassette
```

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## Description

Get the http interactions of the current cassette

## Usage

```
http_interactions()
```

## Value

object of class HTTPInteractionList if there is a current cassette in use, or NullList if no cassette in use

## Examples

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())
insert_cassette("foo_bar")
webmockr::webmockr_allow_net_connect()
library(crul)
cli <- crul::HttpClient$new("https://eu.httpbin.org/get")
one <- cli$get(query = list(a = 5))
z <- http_interactions()
z
z$interactions
z$used_interactions
# on eject, request written to the cassette
eject_cassette("foo_bar")

# insert cassette again
insert_cassette("foo_bar")
# now interactions will be present
z <- http_interactions()
z$interactions
z$used_interactions
invisible(cli$get(query = list(a = 5)))
z$used_interactions

# cleanup
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "foo_bar.yml"))

## End(Not run)
```

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| insert_cassette | <i>Insert a cassette to record HTTP requests</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Insert a cassette to record HTTP requests

## Usage

```
insert_cassette(
    name,
    record = NULL,
    match_requests_on = NULL,
    update_content_length_header = FALSE,
    allow_playback_repeats = FALSE,
    serialize_with = NULL,
    persist_with = NULL,
    preserve_exact_body_bytes = NULL,
    re_record_interval = NULL,
    clean_outdated_http_interactions = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| name                         | The name of the cassette. vcr will check this to ensure it is a valid file name. Not allowed: spaces, file extensions, control characters (e.g., \n), illegal characters ('/', '?', '<', '>', '\', ':', '*', ' ', and '\\"), dots alone (e.g., '.', '..'), Windows reserved words (e.g., 'com1'), trailing dots (can cause problems on Windows), names longer than 255 characters. See section "Cassette names" |
| record                       | The record mode (default: "once"). See <a href="#">recording</a> for a complete list of the different recording modes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| match_requests_on            | List of request matchers to use to determine what recorded HTTP interaction to replay. Defaults to ["method", "uri"]. The built-in matchers are "method", "uri", "host", "path", "headers", "body" and "query"                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| update_content_length_header | (logical) Whether or not to overwrite the Content-Length header of the responses to match the length of the response body. Default: FALSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| allow_playback_repeats       | (logical) Whether or not to allow a single HTTP interaction to be played back multiple times. Default: FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| serialize_with               | (character) Which serializer to use. Valid values are "yaml" (default) and "json". Note that you can have multiple cassettes with the same name as long as they use different serializers; so if you only want one cassette for a given cassette name, make sure to not switch serializers, or clean up files you no longer need.                                                                               |

`persist_with` (character) Which cassette persister to use. Default: "file\_system". You can also register and use a custom persister.

`preserve_exact_body_bytes` (logical) Whether or not to base64 encode the bytes of the requests and responses for this cassette when serializing it. See also `preserve_exact_body_bytes` in `vcr_configure()`. Default: FALSE

`re_record_interval` (integer) How frequently (in seconds) the cassette should be re-recorded. default: NULL (not re-recorded)

`clean_outdated_http_interactions` (logical) Should outdated interactions be recorded back to file? default: FALSE

## Details

Cassette names:

- Should be meaningful so that it is obvious to you what test/function they relate to. Meaningful names are important so that you can quickly determine to what test file or test block a cassette belongs. Note that vcr cannot check that your cassette names are meaningful.
- Should not be duplicated. Duplicated cassette names would lead to a test using the wrong cassette.
- Should not have spaces. Spaces can lead to problems in using file paths.
- Should not include a file extension. vcr handles file extensions for the user.
- Should not have illegal characters that can lead to problems in using file paths: /, ?, <, >, \, :, \*, |, and \"
- Should not have control characters, e.g., \n
- Should not have just dots, e.g., . or ..
- Should not have Windows reserved words, e.g., com1
- Should not have trailing dots
- Should not be longer than 255 characters

`vcr::check_cassette_names()` is meant to be run during your tests, from a `helper-*.R` file inside the `tests/testthat` directory. It only checks that cassette names are not duplicated. Note that if you do need to have duplicated cassette names you can do so by using the `allowed_duplicates` parameter in `check_cassette_names()`. A helper function `check_cassette_names()` runs inside `insert_cassette()` that checks that cassettes do not have: spaces, file extensions, unaccepted characters (slashes).

## Value

an object of class `Cassette`

## Cassette options

Default values for arguments controlling cassette behavior are inherited from vcr's global configuration. See `vcr_configure()` for a complete list of options and their default settings. You can override these options for a specific cassette by changing an argument's value to something other than NULL when calling either `insert_cassette()` or `use_cassette()`.

**See Also**

[use\\_cassette\(\)](#), [eject\\_cassette\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(vcr)
library(crul)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())
webmockr::webmockr_allow_net_connect()

(x <- insert_cassette(name = "leo5"))
current_cassette()
x$new_recorded_interactions
x$previously_recorded_interactions()
cli <- crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://httpbin.org")
cli$get("get")
x$new_recorded_interactions # 1 interaction
x$previously_recorded_interactions() # empty
webmockr::stub_registry() # not empty
# very important when using inject_cassette: eject when done
x$eject() # same as eject_cassette("leo5")
x$new_recorded_interactions # same, 1 interaction
x$previously_recorded_interactions() # now not empty
## stub_registry now empty, eject() calls webmockr::disable(), which
## calls the disable method for each of crul and httr adapters,
## which calls webmockr's remove_stubs() method for each adapter
webmockr::stub_registry()

# cleanup
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), "leo5.yml"))

## End(Not run)
```

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lightswitch

*Turn vcr on and off, check on/off status, and turn off for a given http call*

---

**Description**

Turn vcr on and off, check on/off status, and turn off for a given http call

**Usage**

```
turned_off(..., ignore_cassettes = FALSE)
```

```
turn_on()
```

```
turned_on()
```

```
turn_off(ignore_cassettes = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

... Any block of code to run, presumably an http request

ignore\_cassettes (logical) Controls what happens when a cassette is inserted while vcr is turned off. If TRUE is passed, the cassette insertion will be ignored; otherwise an error will be raised. Default: FALSE

### Details

Sometimes you may need to turn off vcr, either for individual function calls, individual test blocks, whole test files, or for the entire package. The following attempts to break down all the options.

vcr has the following four exported functions:

- `turned_off()` - Turns vcr off for the duration of a code block
- `turn_off()` - Turns vcr off completely, so that it no longer handles every HTTP request
- `turn_on()` - turns vcr on; the opposite of `turn_off()`
- `turned_on()` - Asks if vcr is turned on, returns a boolean

Instead of using the above four functions, you could use environment variables to achieve the same thing. This way you could enable/disable vcr in non-interactive environments such as continuous integration, Docker containers, or running R non-interactively from the command line. The full set of environment variables vcr uses, all of which accept only TRUE or FALSE:

- `VCR_TURN_OFF`: turn off vcr altogether; set to TRUE to skip any vcr usage; default: FALSE
- `VCR_TURNED_OFF`: set the `turned_off` internal package setting; this does not turn off vcr completely as does `VCR_TURN_OFF` does, but rather is looked at together with `VCR_IGNORE_CASSETTES`
- `VCR_IGNORE_CASSETTES`: set the `ignore_cassettes` internal package setting; this is looked at together with `VCR_TURNED_OFF`

#### **turned\_off:**

`turned_off()` lets you temporarily make a real HTTP request without completely turning vcr off, unloading it, etc.

What happens internally is we turn off vcr, run your code block, then on exit turn vcr back on - such that vcr is only turned off for the duration of your code block. Even if your code block errors, vcr will be turned back on due to use of `on.exit(turn_on())`

```
library(vcr)
library(crul)
turned_off({
  con <- HttpClient$new(url = "https://httpbin.org/get")
  con$get()
})
```



```

#> <curl response>
#> url: https://httpbin.org/get
#> request_headers:
#>   User-Agent: libcurl/7.54.0 r-curl/4.3 crul/0.9.0
#>   Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
#>   Accept: application/json, text/xml, application/xml, */*
#> response_headers:
#>   status: HTTP/1.1 200 OK
#>   date: Fri, 14 Feb 2020 19:44:46 GMT
#>   content-type: application/json
#>   content-length: 365
#>   connection: keep-alive
#>   server: gunicorn/19.9.0
#>   access-control-allow-origin: *
#>   access-control-allow-credentials: true
#> status: 200

```

### **turn\_off/turn\_on:**

turn\_off() is different from turned\_off() in that turn\_off() is not aimed at a single call block, but rather it turns vcr off for the entire package. turn\_off() does check first before turning vcr off that there is not currently a cassette in use. turn\_off() is meant to make R ignore vcr::insert\_cassette() and vcr::use\_cassette() blocks in your test suite - letting the code in the block run as if they were not wrapped in vcr code - so that all you have to do to run your tests with cached requests/responses AND with real HTTP requests is toggle a single R function or environment variable.

```

library(vcr)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())
# real HTTP request works - vcr is not engaged here
crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
# wrap HTTP request in use_cassette() - vcr is engaged here
use_cassette("foo_bar", {
  crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
})
# turn off & ignore cassettes - use_cassette is ignored, real HTTP request made
turn_off(ignore_cassettes = TRUE)
use_cassette("foo_bar", {
  crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
})
# if you turn off and don't ignore cassettes, error thrown
turn_off(ignore_cassettes = FALSE)
use_cassette("foo_bar", {
  res2=crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
})
# vcr back on - now use_cassette behaves as before
turn_on()
use_cassette("foo_bar3", {
  res2=crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
})

```

**turned\_on:**

turned\_on() does what it says on the tin - it tells you if vcr is turned on or not.

```
library(vcr)
turn_on()
turned_on()

## [1] TRUE

turn_off()

## vcr turned off; see ?turn_on to turn vcr back on

turned_on()

## [1] FALSE
```

**Environment variables:**

The VCR\_TURN\_OFF environment variable can be used within R or on the command line to turn off vcr. For example, you can run tests for a package that uses vcr, but ignore any use\_cassette/insert\_cassette usage, by running this on the command line in the root of your package:

```
VCR_TURN_OFF=true Rscript -e "devtools::test()"
```

Or, similarly within R:

```
Sys.setenv(VCR_TURN_OFF = TRUE)
devtools::test()
```

The VCR\_TURNED\_OFF and VCR\_IGNORE\_CASSETTES environment variables can be used in combination to achieve the same thing as VCR\_TURN\_OFF:

```
VCR_TURNED_OFF=true VCR_IGNORE_CASSETTES=true Rscript -e "devtools::test()"
```

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())

turn_on()
turned_on()
turn_off()

# turn off for duration of a block
library(crul)
turned_off({
  res <- HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get()
})
res

# turn completely off
turn_off()
library(webmockr)
crul::mock()
```

```
# HttpClient$new(url = "https://eu.httpbin.org/get")$get(verbose = TRUE)
turn_on()

## End(Not run)
```

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real\_http\_connections\_allowed

*Are real http connections allowed?*

---

### Description

Are real http connections allowed?

### Usage

```
real_http_connections_allowed()
```

### Value

boolean, TRUE if real HTTP requests allowed; FALSE if not

### Examples

```
real_http_connections_allowed()
```

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recording

*vcr recording options*

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### Description

vcr recording options

### Details

Record modes dictate under what circumstances http requests/responses are recorded to cassettes (disk). Set the recording mode with the parameter `record` in the `use_cassette()` and `insert_cassette()` functions.

#### once:

The once record mode will:

- Replay previously recorded interactions.
- Record new interactions if there is no cassette file.
- Cause an error to be raised for new requests if there is a cassette file.

It is similar to the `new_episodes` record mode, but will prevent new, unexpected requests from being made (i.e. because the request URI changed or whatever).

`once` is the default record mode, used when you do not set one.

**none:**

The none record mode will:

- Replay previously recorded interactions.
- Cause an error to be raised for any new requests.

This is useful when your code makes potentially dangerous HTTP requests. The none record mode guarantees that no new HTTP requests will be made.

**new\_episodes:**

The new\_episodes record mode will:

- Record new interactions.
- Replay previously recorded interactions.

It is similar to the once record mode, but will **always** record new interactions, even if you have an existing recorded one that is similar (but not identical, based on the `match_request_on` option).

**all:**

The all record mode will:

- Record new interactions.
- Never replay previously recorded interactions.

This can be temporarily used to force vcr to re-record a cassette (i.e. to ensure the responses are not out of date) or can be used when you simply want to log all HTTP requests.

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request-matching

*vcr request matching*

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**Description**

There are a number of options, some of which are on by default, some of which can be used together, and some alone.

**Details**

To match previously recorded requests, vcr has to try to match new HTTP requests to a previously recorded one. By default, we match on HTTP method (e.g., GET) and URI (e.g., `http://foo.com`), following Ruby's VCR gem.

You can customize how we match requests with one or more of the following options, some of which are on by default, some of which can be used together, and some alone.

- **method**: Use the **method** request matcher to match requests on the HTTP method (i.e. GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, etc). You will generally want to use this matcher. The **method** matcher is used (along with the **uri** matcher) by default if you do not specify how requests should match.
- **uri**: Use the **uri** request matcher to match requests on the request URI. The **uri** matcher is used (along with the **method** matcher) by default if you do not specify how requests should match.

- **host**: Use the **host** request matcher to match requests on the request host. You can use this (alone, or in combination with **path**) as an alternative to **uri** so that non-deterministic portions of the URI are not considered as part of the request matching.
- **path**: Use the **path** request matcher to match requests on the path portion of the request URI. You can use this (alone, or in combination with **host**) as an alternative to **uri** so that non-deterministic portions of the URI
- **query**: Use the **query** request matcher to match requests on the query string portion of the request URI. You can use this (alone, or in combination with others) as an alternative to **uri** so that non-deterministic portions of the URI are not considered as part of the request matching.
- **body**: Use the **body** request matcher to match requests on the request body.
- **headers**: Use the **headers** request matcher to match requests on the request headers.

You can set your own options by tweaking the `match_requests_on` parameter in `use_cassette()`:

```
library(vcr)

use_cassette(name = "foo_bar", {
  cli$post("post", body = list(a = 5))
},
match_requests_on = c('method', 'headers', 'body')
)
```

### Matching:

*headers:*

```
library(curl)
library(vcr)
cli <- curl::HttpClient$new("https://httpbin.org/get",
  headers = list(foo = "bar"))
use_cassette(name = "nothing_new", {
  one <- cli$get()
},
match_requests_on = 'headers'
)
cli$headers$foo <- "stuff"
use_cassette(name = "nothing_new", {
  two <- cli$get()
},
match_requests_on = 'headers'
)
one$request_headers
two$request_headers
```

RequestHandler

*RequestHandler***Description**

Base handler for http requests, deciding whether a request is stubbed, to be ignored, recordable, or unhandled

**Details****Private Methods**

request\_type(request) Get the request type

externally\_stubbed() just returns FALSE

should\_ignore() should we ignore the request, depends on request ignorer infrastructure that's not working yet

has\_response\_stub() Check if there is a matching response stub in the http interaction list

get\_stubbed\_response() Check for a response and get it

request\_summary(request) get a request summary

on\_externally\_stubbed\_request(request) on externally stubbed request do nothing

on\_ignored\_request(request) on ignored request, do something

on\_recordable\_request(request) on recordable request, record the request

on\_unhandled\_request(request) on unhandled request, run UnhandledHTTPRequestError

**Public fields**

request\_original original, before any modification

request the request, after any modification

vcr\_response holds [VcrResponse](#) object

stubbed\_response the stubbed response

cassette the cassette holder

**Methods****Public methods:**

- [RequestHandler\\$new\(\)](#)
- [RequestHandler\\$handle\(\)](#)
- [RequestHandler\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** new(): Create a new RequestHandler object

*Usage:*

RequestHandler\$new(request)

*Arguments:*

request The request from an object of class `HttpInteraction`

*Returns:* A new `RequestHandler` object

**Method** `handle()`: Handle the request (request given in `$initialize()`)

*Usage:*

```
RequestHandler$handle()
```

*Returns:* handles a request, outcomes vary

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

*Usage:*

```
RequestHandler$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# record mode: once
vcr_configure(
  dir = tempdir(),
  record = "once"
)

data(crul_request)
crul_request$url$handle <- curl::new_handle()
crul_request
x <- RequestHandler$new(crul_request)
# x$handle()

# record mode: none
vcr_configure(
  dir = tempdir(),
  record = "none"
)
data(crul_request)
crul_request$url$handle <- curl::new_handle()
crul_request
insert_cassette("testing_record_mode_none", record = "none")
#file.path(vcr_c$dir, "testing_record_mode_none.yml")
x <- RequestHandlerCrul$new(crul_request)
# x$handle()
crul_request$url$url <- "https://api.crossref.org/works/10.1039/c8sm90002g/"
crul_request$url$handle <- curl::new_handle()
z <- RequestHandlerCrul$new(crul_request)
# z$handle()
eject_cassette("testing_record_mode_none")

## End(Not run)
```

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RequestHandlerCru1      *RequestHandlerCru1*


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## Description

Methods for the crul package, building on [RequestHandler](#)

## Super class

`vcr::RequestHandler` -> RequestHandlerCru1

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [RequestHandlerCru1\\$clone\(\)](#)

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

*Usage:*

```
RequestHandlerCru1$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(
  dir = tempdir(),
  record = "once"
)

data(crul_request)
crul_request$url$handle <- curl::new_handle()
crul_request
x <- RequestHandlerCru1$new(crul_request)
# x$handle()

# body matching
library(vcr)
library(crul)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = TRUE,
  log_opts = list(file = file.path(tempdir(), "vcr.log")))
cli <- HttpClient$new(url = "https://httpbin.org")

## testing, same uri and method, changed body in 2nd block
use_cassette(name = "apple7", {
  resp <- cli$post("post", body = list(foo = "bar"))
}, match_requests_on = c("method", "uri", "body"))
## should error, b/c record="once"
```



```

if (interactive()) {
  use_cassette(name = "apple7", {
    resp <- cli$post("post", body = list(foo = "bar"))
    resp2 <- cli$post("post", body = list(hello = "world"))
  }, match_requests_on = c("method", "uri", "body"))
}
cas <- insert_cassette(name = "apple7",
  match_requests_on = c("method", "uri", "body"))
resp2 <- cli$post("post", body = list(foo = "bar"))
eject_cassette("apple7")

## testing, same body, changed method in 2nd block
if (interactive()) {
  use_cassette(name = "apple8", {
    x <- cli$post("post", body = list(hello = "world"))
  }, match_requests_on = c("method", "body"))
  use_cassette(name = "apple8", {
    x <- cli$get("post", body = list(hello = "world"))
  }, match_requests_on = c("method", "body"))
}

## testing, same body, changed uri in 2nd block
# use_cassette(name = "apple9", {
#   x <- cli$post("post", body = list(hello = "world"))
#   w <- cli$post("get", body = list(hello = "world"))
# }, match_requests_on = c("method", "body"))
# use_cassette(name = "apple9", {
#   NOTHING HERE
# }, match_requests_on = c("method", "body"))
# unlink(file.path(vcr_configuration()$dir, "apple9.yml"))

## End(Not run)

```

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RequestHandlerHttr      *RequestHandlerHttr*

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## Description

Methods for the httr package, building on [RequestHandler](#)

## Super class

[vcr::RequestHandler](#) -> RequestHandlerHttr

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [RequestHandlerHttr\\$new\(\)](#)
- [RequestHandlerHttr\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new RequestHandlerHttr object

*Usage:*

```
RequestHandlerHttr$new(request)
```

*Arguments:*

`request` The request from an object of class `HttpInteraction`

*Returns:* A new RequestHandlerHttr object

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

*Usage:*

```
RequestHandlerHttr$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
vcr_configure(
  dir = tempdir(),
  record = "once"
)

# GET request
library(httr)
load("~/httr_req.rda")
req
x <- RequestHandlerHttr$new(req)
# x$handle()

# POST request
library(httr)
webmockr::httr_mock()
mydir <- file.path(tempdir(), "testing_httr")
invisible(vcr_configure(dir = mydir))
use_cassette(name = "testing2", {
  res <- POST("https://httpbin.org/post", body = list(foo = "bar"))
}, match_requests_on = c("method", "uri", "body"))

load("~/httr_req_post.rda")
insert_cassette("testing3")
httr_req_post
x <- RequestHandlerHttr$new(httr_req_post)
x
# x$handle()
self=x

## End(Not run)
```

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RequestMatcherRegistry

*RequestMatcherRegistry*

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## Description

handles request matchers

## Public fields

registry initialize registry list with a request, or leave empty

default\_matchers request matchers to use. default: method, uri

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [RequestMatcherRegistry\\$new\(\)](#)
- [RequestMatcherRegistry\\$register\(\)](#)
- [RequestMatcherRegistry\\$register\\_built\\_ins\(\)](#)
- [RequestMatcherRegistry\\$try\\_to\\_register\\_body\\_as\\_json\(\)](#)
- [RequestMatcherRegistry\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new RequestMatcherRegistry object

*Usage:*

```
RequestMatcherRegistry$new(  
    registry = list(),  
    default_matchers = list("method", "uri")  
)
```

*Arguments:*

registry initialize registry list with a request, or leave empty

default\_matchers request matchers to use. default: method, uri

*Returns:* A new RequestMatcherRegistry object

**Method** `register()`: Register a custom matcher

*Usage:*

```
RequestMatcherRegistry$register(name, func)
```

*Arguments:*

name matcher name

func function that describes a matcher, should return a single boolean

*Returns:* no return; registers the matcher

**Method** `register_built_ins()`: Register all built in matchers

*Usage:*

```
RequestMatcherRegistry$register_built_ins()
```

*Returns:* no return; registers all built in matchers

**Method** `try_to_register_body_as_json()`: Try to register body as JSON

*Usage:*

```
RequestMatcherRegistry$try_to_register_body_as_json(r1, r2)
```

*Arguments:*

r1, r2 [Request](#) class objects

*Returns:* no return; registers the matcher

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

*Usage:*

```
RequestMatcherRegistry$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

### Note

r1=from new request; r2=from recorded interaction

### Examples

```
## Not run:
(x <- RequestMatcherRegistry$new())
x$default_matchers
x$registry

## End(Not run)
```

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| skip_if_vcr_off | <i>Skip tests if vcr is off</i> |
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### Description

Custom testthat skipper to skip tests if vcr is turned off via the environment variable VCR\_TURN\_OFF.

### Usage

```
skip_if_vcr_off()
```

### Details

This might be useful if your test will fail with real requests: when the cassette was e.g. edited (a real request produced a 200 status code but you made it a 502 status code for testing the behavior of your code when the API errors) or if the tests are very specific (e.g. testing a date was correctly parsed, but making a real request would produce a different date).

**Value**

Nothing, skip test.

**See Also**

[turn\\_off\(\)](#)

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|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| str_splitter | <i>split string every N characters</i> |
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**Description**

split string every N characters

**Usage**

```
str_splitter(str, length)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                            |
|--------|--------------------------------------------|
| str    | (character) a string                       |
| length | (integer) number of characters to split by |

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
str = "XOVEWVJIEWNIGOIWENVOIWEVWVEW"  
str_splitter(str, 5)  
str_splitter(str, 5L)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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| UnhandledHTTPRequestError | <i>UnhandledHTTPRequestError</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|

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**Description**

Handle http request errors

**Usage**

```
vcr_last_error()
```

**Details**

How this error class is used: If record="once" we trigger this.

Users can use vcr in the context of both `use_cassette()` and `insert_cassette()`

For the former, all requests go through the call\_block But for the latter, requests go through webmockr.

Where is one place where we can put UnhandledHTTPRequestError that will handle both use\_cassette and insert\_cassette?

**Error situations where this is invoked**

- record=once AND there's a new request that doesn't match the one in the cassette on disk
  - in webmockr: if no stub found and there are recorded interactions on the cassette, and record = once, then error with UnhandledHTTPRequestError
    - \* but if record != once, then allow it, unless record == none
- others?

**Public fields**

request a [Request](#) object

cassette a cassette name

**Methods****Public methods:**

- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$new()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$run()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$construct_message()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$request_description()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$current_matchers()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$match_request_on_headers()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$match_request_on_body()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$formatted_headers()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$cassettes_description()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$cassettes_list()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$get_help()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$formatted_suggestions()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$format_bullet_point()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$format_foot_note()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$suggestion_for()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$suggestions()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$no_cassette_suggestions()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$record_mode_suggestion()`
- `UnhandledHTTPRequestError$has_used_interaction_matching()`

- [UnhandledHTTPRequestError\\$match\\_requests\\_on\\_suggestion\(\)](#)
- [UnhandledHTTPRequestError\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new UnhandledHTTPRequestError object

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$new(request)`

*Arguments:*

`request` (Request) a [Request](#) object

*Returns:* A new UnhandledHTTPRequestError object

**Method** `run()`: Run unhandled request handling

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$run()`

*Returns:* various

**Method** `construct_message()`: Construct and execute stop message for why request failed

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$construct_message()`

*Returns:* a stop message

**Method** `request_description()`: construct request description

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$request_description()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `current_matchers()`: get current request matchers

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$current_matchers()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `match_request_on_headers()`: are headers included in current matchers?

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$match_request_on_headers()`

*Returns:* logical

**Method** `match_request_on_body()`: is body included in current matchers?

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$match_request_on_body()`

*Returns:* logical

**Method** `formatted_headers()`: get request headers

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$formatted_headers()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `cassettes_description()`: construct description of current or lack thereof cassettes

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$cassettes_description()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `cassettes_list()`: cassette details

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$cassettes_list()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `get_help()`: get help message for non-verbose error

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$get_help()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `formatted_suggestions()`: make suggestions for what to do

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$formatted_suggestions()`

*Returns:* character

**Method** `format_bullet_point()`: add bullet point to beginning of a line

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$format_bullet_point(lines, index)`

*Arguments:*

`lines` (character) vector of strings

`index` (integer) a number

*Returns:* character

**Method** `format_foot_note()`: make a foot note

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$format_foot_note(url, index)`

*Arguments:*

`url` (character) a url

`index` (integer) a number

*Returns:* character

**Method** `suggestion_for()`: get a suggestion by key

*Usage:*

`UnhandledHTTPRequestError$suggestion_for(key)`

*Arguments:*



key (character) a character string

*Returns:* character

**Method** suggestions(): get all suggestions

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$suggestions()
```

*Returns:* list

**Method** no\_cassette\_suggestions(): get all no cassette suggestions

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$no_cassette_suggestions()
```

*Returns:* list

**Method** record\_mode\_suggestion(): get the appropriate record mode suggestion

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$record_mode_suggestion()
```

*Returns:* character

**Method** has\_used\_interaction\_matching(): are there any used interactions

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$has_used_interaction_matching()
```

*Returns:* logical

**Method** match\_requests\_on\_suggestion(): match requests on suggestion

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$match_requests_on_suggestion()
```

*Returns:* list

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

*Usage:*

```
UnhandledHTTPRequestError$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())
cassettes()
insert_cassette("turtle")
request <- Request$new("post", 'https://eu.httpbin.org/post?a=5',
  "", list(foo = "bar"))

err <- UnhandledHTTPRequestError$new(request)
err$request_description()
err$current_matchers()
```

```

err$match_request_on_headers()
err$match_request_on_body()
err$formatted_headers()
cat(err$formatted_headers(), "\n")
cat(err$cassettes_description(), "\n")
cat(err$cassettes_list(), "\n")
err$formatted_suggestions()
cat(err$format_bullet_point('foo bar', 1), "\n")
err$suggestion_for("use_new_episodes")
err$suggestions()
err$no_cassette_suggestions()
err$record_mode_suggestion()
err$has_used_interaction_matching()
err$match_requests_on_suggestion()

# err$construct_message()

# cleanup
eject_cassette("turtle")
unlink(tempdir())
## Not run:
# vcr_last_error()

## End(Not run)

```

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use\_cassette

*Use a cassette to record HTTP requests*


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## Description

Use a cassette to record HTTP requests

## Usage

```

use_cassette(
  name,
  ...,
  record = NULL,
  match_requests_on = NULL,
  update_content_length_header = FALSE,
  allow_playback_repeats = FALSE,
  serialize_with = NULL,
  persist_with = NULL,
  preserve_exact_body_bytes = NULL,
  re_record_interval = NULL,
  clean_outdated_http_interactions = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| name                             | The name of the cassette. vcr will check this to ensure it is a valid file name. Not allowed: spaces, file extensions, control characters (e.g., \n), illegal characters ('/', '?', '<', '>', '\', ':', '*', ' ', and '\"'), dots alone (e.g., '.', '..'), Windows reserved words (e.g., 'com1'), trailing dots (can cause problems on Windows), names longer than 255 characters. See section "Cassette names" |
| ...                              | a block of code containing one or more requests (required). Use curly braces to encapsulate multi-line code blocks. If you can't pass a code block use <code>insert_cassette()</code> instead.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| record                           | The record mode (default: "once"). See <a href="#">recording</a> for a complete list of the different recording modes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| match_requests_on                | List of request matchers to use to determine what recorded HTTP interaction to replay. Defaults to ["method", "uri"]. The built-in matchers are "method", "uri", "host", "path", "headers", "body" and "query"                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| update_content_length_header     | (logical) Whether or not to overwrite the Content-Length header of the responses to match the length of the response body. Default: FALSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| allow_playback_repeats           | (logical) Whether or not to allow a single HTTP interaction to be played back multiple times. Default: FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| serialize_with                   | (character) Which serializer to use. Valid values are "yaml" (default) and "json". Note that you can have multiple cassettes with the same name as long as they use different serializers; so if you only want one cassette for a given cassette name, make sure to not switch serializers, or clean up files you no longer need.                                                                               |
| persist_with                     | (character) Which cassette persister to use. Default: "file_system". You can also register and use a custom persister.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| preserve_exact_body_bytes        | (logical) Whether or not to base64 encode the bytes of the requests and responses for this cassette when serializing it. See also <code>preserve_exact_body_bytes</code> in <code>vcr_configure()</code> . Default: FALSE                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| re_record_interval               | (integer) How frequently (in seconds) the cassette should be re-recorded. default: NULL (not re-recorded)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| clean_outdated_http_interactions | (logical) Should outdated interactions be recorded back to file? default: FALSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Details**

A run down of the family of top level **vcr** functions

- `use_cassette` Initializes a cassette. Returns the inserted cassette.
- `insert_cassette` Internally used within `use_cassette`
- `eject_cassette` ejects the current cassette. The cassette will no longer be used. In addition, any newly recorded HTTP interactions will be written to disk.

**Value**

an object of class `Cassette`

**Cassette options**

Default values for arguments controlling cassette behavior are inherited from `vcr`'s global configuration. See `vcr_configure()` for a complete list of options and their default settings. You can override these options for a specific cassette by changing an argument's value to something other than `NULL` when calling either `insert_cassette()` or `use_cassette()`.

**Behavior**

This function handles a few different scenarios:

- when everything runs smoothly, and we return a `Cassette` class object so you can inspect the cassette, and the cassette is ejected
- when there is an invalid parameter input on cassette creation, we fail with a useful message, we don't return a cassette, and the cassette is ejected
- when there is an error in calling your passed in code block, we return with a useful message, and since we use `on.exit()` the cassette is still ejected even though there was an error, but you don't get an object back
- whenever an empty cassette (a `yml/json` file) is found, we delete it before returning from the `use_cassette()` function call. we achieve this via use of `on.exit()` so an empty cassette is deleted even if there was an error in the code block you passed in

**Cassettes on disk**

Note that "*eject*" only means that the R session cassette is no longer in use. If any interactions were recorded to disk, then there is a file on disk with those interactions.

**Using with tests (specifically `testthat`)**

There's a few ways to get correct line numbers for failed tests and one way to not get correct line numbers:

*Correct:* Either wrap your `test_that()` block inside your `use_cassette()` block, OR if you put your `use_cassette()` block inside your `test_that()` block put your `testthat` expectations outside of the `use_cassette()` block.

*Incorrect:* By wrapping the `use_cassette()` block inside your `test_that()` block with your **testthat** expectations inside the `use_cassette()` block, you'll only get the line number that the `use_cassette()` block starts on.

**See Also**

[insert\\_cassette\(\)](#), [eject\\_cassette\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

## Not run:
library(vcr)
library(crul)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())

use_cassette(name = "apple7", {
  cli <- HttpClient$new(url = "https://httpbin.org")
  resp <- cli$get("get")
})
readLines(file.path(tempdir(), "apple7.yml"))

# preserve exact body bytes - records in base64 encoding
use_cassette("things4", {
  cli <- crul::HttpClient$new(url = "https://httpbin.org")
  bbb <- cli$get("get")
}, preserve_exact_body_bytes = TRUE)
## see the body string value in the output here
readLines(file.path(tempdir(), "things4.yml"))

# cleanup
unlink(file.path(tempdir(), c("things4.yml", "apple7.yml")))

# with httr
library(vcr)
library(httr)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = TRUE, log_opts = list(file = file.path(tempdir(), "vcr.log")))

use_cassette(name = "stuff350", {
  res <- GET("https://httpbin.org/get")
})
readLines(file.path(tempdir(), "stuff350.yml"))

use_cassette(name = "catfact456", {
  res <- GET("https://catfact.ninja/fact")
})

# record mode: none
library(crul)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())

## make a connection first
conn <- crul::HttpClient$new("https://eu.httpbin.org")
## this errors because 'none' disallows any new requests
# use_cassette("none_eg", (res2 <- conn$get("get")), record = "none")
## first use record mode 'once' to record to a cassette
one <- use_cassette("none_eg", (res <- conn$get("get")), record = "once")
one; res
## then use record mode 'none' to see it's behavior
two <- use_cassette("none_eg", (res2 <- conn$get("get")), record = "none")
two; res2

```

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

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|---------|--------------------------------|
| use_vcr | <i>Setup vcr for a package</i> |
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### Description

Setup vcr for a package

### Usage

```
use_vcr(dir = ".", verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|         |                                                                  |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dir     | (character) path to package root. default's to current directory |
| verbose | (logical) print progress messages. default: TRUE                 |

### Details

Sets a minimum vcr version, which is usually the latest (stable) version on CRAN. You can of course easily remove or change the version requirement yourself after running this function.

### Value

only messages about progress, returns invisible()

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| vcr | <i>vcr: Record HTTP Calls to Disk</i> |
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### Description

**vcr** records test suite 'HTTP' requests and replay them during future runs.

### Details

Check out the [http testing book](#) for a lot more documentation on vcr, webmockr, and crul

### Backstory

A Ruby gem of the same name (VCR, <https://github.com/vcr/vcr>) was created many years ago and is the original. Ports in many languages have been done. Check out that GitHub repo for all the details on how the canonical version works.

## Main functions

The [use\\_cassette](#) function is most likely what you'll want to use. It sets the cassette you want to record to, inserts the cassette, and then ejects the cassette, recording the interactions to the cassette.

Instead, you can use [insert\\_cassette](#), but then you have to make sure to use [eject\\_cassette](#).

## vcr configuration

[vcr\\_configure](#) is the function to use to set R session wide settings. See its manual file for help.

## Record modes

See [recording](#) for help on record modes.

## Request matching

See [request-matching](#) for help on the many request matching options.

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vcr\_configure

*Global Configuration Options*

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## Description

Configurable options that define vcr's default behavior.

## Usage

```
vcr_configure(...)
```

```
vcr_configure_reset()
```

```
vcr_configuration()
```

```
vcr_config_defaults()
```

## Arguments

... configuration settings used to override defaults. See below for a complete list of valid arguments.

## Configurable settings

### vcr options:

#### File locations:

- `dir` Cassette directory
- `write_disk_path` (character) path to write files to for any requests that write responses to disk. by default this parameter is NULL. For testing a package, you'll probably want this path to be in your `tests/` directory, perhaps next to your cassettes directory, e.g., where your cassettes are in `tests/fixtures`, your files from requests that write to disk are in `tests/files`. If you want to ignore these files in your installed package, add them to `.Rinstignore`. If you want these files ignored on build then add them to `.Rbuildignore` (though if you do, tests that depend on these files probably will not work because they won't be found; so you'll likely have to skip the associated tests as well).

#### Contexts:

- `turned_off` (logical) VCR is turned on by default. Default: FALSE
- `allow_unused_http_interactions` (logical) Default: TRUE
- `allow_http_connections_when_no_cassette` (logical) Determines how vcr treats HTTP requests that are made when no vcr cassette is in use. When TRUE, requests made when there is no vcr cassette in use will be allowed. When FALSE (default), an [UnhandledHTTPRequestError](#) error will be raised for any HTTP request made when there is no cassette in use

#### Filtering:

- `ignore_hosts` (character) Vector of hosts to ignore. e.g., localhost, or google.com. These hosts are ignored and real HTTP requests allowed to go through
- `ignore_localhost` (logical) Default: FALSE
- `ignore_request` List of requests to ignore. NOT USED RIGHT NOW, sorry
- `filter_sensitive_data` named list of values to replace. Format is:  

```
list(thing_to_replace_it_with = thing_to_replace)
```

We replace all instances of `thing_to_replace` with `thing_to_replace_it_with`. Uses `gsub()` internally, with `fixed=TRUE`; so does exact matches. Before recording (writing to a cassette) we do the replacement and then when reading from the cassette we do the reverse replacement to get back to the real data. Before record replacement happens in internal function `write_interactions()`, while before playback replacement happens in internal function `YAML$deserialize()`
- `filter_sensitive_data_regex` named list of values to replace. Follows `filter_sensitive_data` format, except uses `fixed=FALSE` in the `gsub()` function call; this means that the value in `thing_to_replace` is a regex pattern.
- `filter_request_headers` (character/list) **request** headers to filter. A character vector of request headers to remove - the headers will not be recorded to disk. Alternatively, a named list similar to `filter_sensitive_data` instructing vcr with what value to replace the real value of the request header.
- `filter_response_headers` (named list) **response** headers to filter. A character vector of response headers to remove - the headers will not be recorded to disk. Alternatively, a named list similar to `filter_sensitive_data` instructing vcr with what value to replace the real value of the response header.



- `filter_query_parameters` (named list) query parameters to filter. A character vector of query parameters to remove - the query parameters will not be recorded to disk. Alternatively, a named list similar to `filter_sensitive_data` instructing vcr with what value to replace the real value of the query parameter.

### Errors:

- `verbose_errors` Do you want more verbose errors or less verbose errors when cassette recording/usage fails? Default is FALSE, that is, less verbose errors. If TRUE, error messages will include more details about what went wrong and suggest possible solutions. For testing in an interactive R session, if `verbose_errors=FALSE`, you can run `vcr_last_error()` to get the full error. If in non-interactive mode, which most users will be in when running the entire test suite for a package, you can set an environment variable (`VCR_VERBOSE_ERRORS`) to toggle this setting (e.g., `Sys.setenv(VCR_VERBOSE_ERRORS=TRUE)`; `devtools::test()`)

### Internals:

- `cassettes` (list) don't use
- `linked_context` (logical) linked context
- `uri_parser` the uri parser, default: `crul::url_parse()`

### Logging:

- `log` (logical) should we log important vcr things? Default: FALSE
- `log_opts` (list) Additional logging options:
  - 'file' either "console" or a file path to log to
  - 'log\_prefix' default: "Cassette". We insert the cassette name after that prefix, then the rest of the message.
  - More to come...

### Cassette Options:

These settings can be configured globally, using `vcr_configure()`, or locally, using either `use_cassette()` or `insert_cassette()`. Global settings are applied to *all* cassettes but are overridden by settings defined locally for individual cassettes.

- `record` (character) One of 'all', 'none', 'new\_episodes', or 'once'. See [recording](#)
- `match_requests_on` vector of matchers. Default: (method, uri) See [request-matching](#) for details.
- `serialize_with`: (character) "yaml" or "json". Note that you can have multiple cassettes with the same name as long as they use different serializers; so if you only want one cassette for a given cassette name, make sure to not switch serializers, or clean up files you no longer need.
- `json_pretty`: (logical) want JSON to be newline separated to be easier to read? Or remove newlines to save disk space? default: FALSE
- `persist_with` (character) only option is "FileSystem"
- `preserve_exact_body_bytes` (logical) preserve exact body bytes for
- `re_record_interval` (numeric) When given, the cassette will be re-recorded at the given interval, in seconds.
- `clean_outdated_http_interactions` (logical) Should outdated interactions be recorded back to file. Default: FALSE
- `quiet` (logical) Suppress any messages from both vcr and webmockr. Default: TRUE

- `warn_on_empty_cassette` (logical) Should a warning be thrown when an empty cassette is detected? Empty cassettes are cleaned up (deleted) either way. This option only determines whether a warning is thrown or not. Default: FALSE

### Examples

```
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir())
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), record = "all")
vcr_configuration()
vcr_config_defaults()
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), ignore_hosts = "google.com")
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), ignore_localhost = TRUE)

# logging
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = TRUE,
  log_opts = list(file = file.path(tempdir(), "vcr.log")))
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = TRUE, log_opts = list(file = "console"))
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = TRUE,
  log_opts = list(
    file = file.path(tempdir(), "vcr.log"),
    log_prefix = "foobar"
  ))
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(), log = FALSE)

# filter sensitive data
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(),
  filter_sensitive_data = list(foo = "<bar>")
)
vcr_configure(dir = tempdir(),
  filter_sensitive_data = list(foo = "<bar>", hello = "<world>")
)
```

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vcr\_test\_path

*Locate file in tests directory*

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### Description

This function, similar to `testthat::test_path()`, is designed to work both interactively and during tests, locating files in the `tests/` directory.

### Usage

```
vcr_test_path(...)
```

### Arguments

... Character vectors giving path component. each character string gets added on to the path, e.g., `vcr_test_path("a", "b")` becomes `tests/a/b` relative to the root of the package.

**Value**

A character vector giving the path

**Note**

`vcr_test_path()` assumes you are using `testthat` for your unit tests.

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {  
  vcr_test_path("fixtures")  
}
```

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