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bconf

Print current configurations

Description

Print current configurations

Usage

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

Arguments

```
x A bconf object.... Other parameters.
```

Format

An object of class boonf of length 1.

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Details

This function is only for printing. Use bsub_opt() to change configurations.

You simply type bconf (without the brackets) in the interactive R console.

Value

A bconf object.

Examples

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bjobs

Summary of jobs

Description

Summary of jobs

Usage

```
bjobs(
   status = c("RUN", "PEND"),
   max = Inf,
   filter = NULL,
   print = TRUE,
   job_id = NULL
)

bjobs_raw(fields = "jobid stat job_name queue")

brecent(max = 20, filter = NULL)

bjobs_running(max = Inf, filter = NULL)

bjobs_pending(max = Inf, filter = NULL)

bjobs_done(max = Inf, filter = NULL)
```

Arguments

status Status of the jobs. Use "all" for all status

max Maximal number of recent jobs. filter Regular expression on job names. 4 bjobs

print	Whether to print the table.
job_id	A single job ID, internally used.
fields	Supported output fields, check https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/spectrum-lsf/10.1.0?topic=information-customize-job-output. The value can be a vector of field names or a single string that already includes output fields separated by space.

Details

There is an additional column "RECENT" which is the order for the job with the same name. 1 means the most recent job.

You can directly type bjobs without parentheses which runs bjobs with defaults.

- brecent shows the most recent.
- bjobs_done shows the "DONE" jobs.
- bjobs_exit shows the "EXIT" jobs.
- bjobs_pending shows the "PEND" jobs.
- bjobs_running shows the "RUN" jobs.

bjobs_raw() returns the table from the original bsubs -a -o '...' call.

Value

A data frame with selected job summaries.

```
## Not run:
bjobs # this is the same as bjobs()
bjobs() # all running and pending jobs
bjobs(status = "all") # all jobs
bjobs(status = "RUN") # all running jobs, you can also use `bjobs_running`
bjobs(status = "PEND") # all pending jobs, you can also use `bjobs_pending`
bjobs(status = "DONE") # all done jobs, you can also use `bjobs_done`
bjobs(status = "EXIT") # all exit jobs, you can also use `bjobs_exit`
bjobs(status = "all", max = 20) # last 20 jobs
bjobs(status = "DONE", filter = "example") # done jobs with name '.*example.*'
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
brecent # this is the same as `brecent()`
brecent() # last 20 jobs (from all status)
brecent(max = 50) # last 50 jobs
brecent(filter = "example") # last 20 jobs with name ".*example.*"
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
bjobs_running # this is the same as `bjobs_running()`
bjobs_running() # all running jobs
bjobs_running(max = 50) # last 50 running jobs
```

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```
bjobs_running(filter = "example") # running jobs with name ".*example.*"
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
bjobs_pending # this is the same as `bjobs_pending()`
bjobs_pending() # all pending jobs
bjobs_pending(max = 50) # last 50 pending jobs
bjobs_pending(filter = "example") # pending jobs with name ".*example.*"
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
bjobs_done # this is the same as `bjobs_done()`
bjobs_done() # all done jobs
bjobs_done(max = 50) # last 50 done jobs
bjobs_done(filter = "example") # done jobs with name ".*example.*"
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
bjobs_exit # this is the same as `bjobs_exit()`
bjobs_exit() # all exit jobs
bjobs_exit(max = 50) # last 50 exit jobs
bjobs_exit(filter = "example") # exit jobs with name ".*example.*"
## End(Not run)
```

bjobs_barplot

Visualize statistics of jobs

Description

Visualize statistics of jobs

Usage

```
bjobs_barplot(
   status = c("RUN", "EXIT", "PEND", "DONE"),
   filter = NULL,
   job_tb = NULL
)

bjobs_timeline(
   status = c("RUN", "EXIT", "PEND", "DONE"),
   filter = NULL,
   job_tb = NULL
)
```

Arguments

status

Status of the jobs. Use "all" for all status.

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filter Regular expression to filter on job names.

job_tb A data frame returned by bjobs(). Only internally used.

Details

bjobs_barplot() draws barplots of number of jobs per day.

bjobs_timeline() draws segments of duration of jobs. In the plot, each segment represents a job and the width of the segment correspond to its duration.

bjobs_reset_timestamp Clear job history

Description

Clear job history

Usage

```
bjobs_reset_timestamp()
```

Details

It sets a timestamp to only show jobs after it.

bkill Kill jobs

Description

Kill jobs

Usage

```
bkill(job_id, filter = NULL)
```

Arguments

job_id A vector of job IDs or a data frame returned by bjobs().

filter Regular expression on job names (only the running and pending jobs). It is only used when job_id is not set.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
job_id = c(10000000, 10000001, 10000002) # job ids can be get from `bjobs()`
bkill(job_id)
# kill all jobs (running and pending) of which the names contain "example"
bkill(filter = "example")
## End(Not run)
```

bsub_chunk

Submit jobs

Description

Submit jobs

Usage

```
bsub_chunk(
  code,
  name = NULL,
  packages = bsub_opt$packages,
  image = bsub_opt$image,
  variables = character(),
  share = character(),
 working_dir = bsub_opt$working_dir,
  hours = 1,
 memory = 1,
  cores = 1,
  R_version = bsub_opt$R_version,
  temp_dir = bsub_opt$temp_dir,
  output_dir = bsub_opt$output_dir,
  dependency = NULL,
  enforce = bsub_opt$enforce,
 local = bsub_opt$local,
  script = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  save_var = FALSE,
  sh_head = bsub_opt$sh_head,
  ask = TRUE
)
bsub_script(
  script,
  argv = "",
 name = NULL,
```

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```
working_dir = bsub_opt$working_dir,
  hours = 1,
 memory = 1,
  cores = 1,
  R_version = bsub_opt$R_version,
  temp_dir = bsub_opt$temp_dir,
  output_dir = bsub_opt$output_dir,
  dependency = NULL,
  enforce = bsub_opt$enforce,
  local = bsub_opt$local,
  sh_head = bsub_opt$sh_head,
  ask = TRUE,
)
bsub_cmd(
  cmd,
  sh = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  hours = 1,
 memory = 1,
  cores = 1,
  temp_dir = bsub_opt$temp_dir,
  output_dir = bsub_opt$output_dir,
  dependency = NULL,
  enforce = bsub_opt$enforce,
  local = bsub_opt$local,
  env_var = NULL,
  sh_head = bsub_opt$sh_head,
  ask = TRUE,
)
```

Arguments

code The code chunk, it should be embraced by {}.

name If name is not specified, an internal name calculated by digest::digest() on

the chunk is automatically assigned.

packages A character vector with package names that will be loaded before running the

script. There is a special name _in_session_ that loads all the packages loaded

in current R session.

image A character vector of .RData/.rda files that will be loaded before running the

script. When image is set to TRUE, all variables in .GlobalEnv will be saved into a temporary file and all attached packages will be recorded. The temporary

files will be removed after the job is finished.

variables A character vector of variable names that will be loaded before running the

script. There is a special name _all_functions_ that saves all functions de-

fined in the global environment.

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share A character vector of variables names for which the variables are shared between

jobs. Note the temporary .RData files are not deleted automatically.

working_dir The working directory.

hours Running time of the job.

memory Memory usage of the job. It is measured in GB.

cores Number of cores.

R_version R version.

temp_dir Path of temporary folder where the temporary R/bash scripts will be put.

output_dir Path of output folder where the output/flag files will be put.

dependency A vector of job IDs that current job depends on.

enforce If a flag file for the job is found, whether to enforce to rerun the job.

local Run job locally (not submitting to the LSF cluster)?

script In bsub_chunk(), it is the path of a script where code chunks will be extracted

and sent to the cluster. It is always used with start and end arguments. In

bsub_script(), it is the path of the R script to submit.

start A numeric vector that contains line indices of the starting code chunk or a char-

acter vector that contain regular expression to match the start of code chunks.

end Same setting as start.

save_var Whether save the last variable in the code chunk? Later the variable can be

retrieved by retrieve_var().

sh_head Commands that are written as head of the sh script.

ask Whether to promote.

argv A string of command-line arguments.

... Command-line arguments can also be specified as name-value pairs.

cmd A single-line command. sh Path of the bash script.

env_var Environment variables. It should be a named vector. Note environment variables

can also be directly set in sh_head.

Details

job_chunk() submits R code chunk.

job_script() submits R script with command-line arguments.

job_cmd() submits general bash commands.

Value

A job ID.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
bsub_chunk(name = "example", memory = 10, hours = 10, cores = 4,
{
    Sys.sleep(5)
})

# the R version is defined in bsub_opt$R_version
bsub_script("/path/of/foo.R", name = ..., memory = ..., cores = ..., ...)
# with command-line arguments
bsub_script("/path/of/foo.R", argv = "--a 1 --b 3", ...)

# put all arguments also in the command
bsub_cmd("some-tool -arg1 1 -arg2 2", name = ..., memory = ..., cores = ..., ...)

## End(Not run)
```

bsub_opt

Parameters for bsub

Description

Parameters for bsub

Usage

```
bsub_opt(..., RESET = FALSE, READ.ONLY = NULL, LOCAL = FALSE, ADD = FALSE)
```

Arguments

```
... Arguments for the parameters, see "details" section
RESET reset to default values
READ.ONLY please ignore
LOCAL please ignore
ADD please ignore
```

Details

There are following global parameters:

- packages: A character vector with package names that will be loaded before running the script.
- image: A character vector of RData/rda files that will be loaded before running the script.
- temp_dir: Path of temporary folder where the temporary R/bash scripts will be put.
- output_dir: Path of output folder where the output/flag files will be put.
- enforce: If a flag file for the job is found, whether to enforce to rerun the job.

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- R_version: The version of R.
- working_dir: The working directory.
- ignore: Whether ignore bsub_chunk, bsub_script and bsub_cmd.
- local: Run job locally (not submitting to the LSF cluster)?
- call_Rscript: How to call Rscript by specifying an R version number.
- submission_node: A list of node names for submitting jobs.
- login_node: This value basically is the same as submission_node unless the login nodes are different from submission nodes.
- sh_head: Commands that are written as head of the sh script.
- user: Username on the submission node.
- group: The user group
- ssh_envir: The commands for setting bash environment for successfully running bjobs, bsub, ...
- bsub_template: Template for constructing bsub command.
- parse_time: A function that parses time string from the LSF bjobs command to a POSIXct object.
- · verbose: Whether to print more messages.

ssh_envir should be properly set so that LSF binaries such as bsub or bjobs can be properly found. There are some environment variables initialized when logging in the bash terminal while they are not initialized with the ssh connection. Thus, some environment variables should be manually set.

An example for ssh_envir is as follows. The LSF_ENVDIR and LSF_SERVERDIR should be defined and exported.

```
c("source /etc/profile",
  "export LSF_ENVDIR=/opt/lsf/conf",
  "export LSF_SERVERDIR=/opt/lsf/10.1/linux3.10-glibc2.17-x86_64/etc")
```

The values of these two variables can be obtained by entering following commands in your bash terminal (on the submission node):

```
echo $LSF_ENVDIR
echo $LSF_SERVERDIR
```

The time strings by LSF bjobs command might be different for different configurations. The **bsub** package needs to convert the time strings to POSIXlt objects for calculating the time difference. Thus, if the default time string parsing fails, users need to provide a user-defined function and set with parse_time option in bsub_opt. The function accepts a vector of time strings and returns a POSIXlt object. For example, if the time string returned from bjobs command is in a form of Dec 1 18:00:00 2019, the parsing function can be defined as:

```
bsub_opt$parse_time = function(x) {
    as.POSIXlt(x, format = "\\%b \\%d \\%H:\\%M:\\%S \\%Y")
}
```

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Value

The corresponding option values.

Examples

```
# The default bsub_opt
bsub_opt
```

config_bsub

Configure bsub global options

Description

Configure bsub global options

Usage

```
config_bsub(verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

verbose

Whether to print messages.

Details

It sets the submission nodes, user name and how to call Rscript.

formatFileSize

Format file size

Description

Format file size

Usage

```
formatFileSize(table, columns)
```

Arguments

table Internally used. columns Internally used.

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```
job_dependency_all Job dependencies
```

Description

Job dependencies

Usage

```
job_dependency_all(job_tb = NULL)

job_dependency_igraph(job_id, job_tb = NULL)

job_dependency_dot(job_id, job_tb = NULL, use_label = FALSE, label_width = 15)

job_dependency_diagram(
    job_id,
    job_tb = NULL,
    use_label = FALSE,
    label_width = 15,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

```
job_tb A data frame from bjobs(). Internally used.

job_id A single job ID.

use_label Whether to use job names on the diagram?

label_width Max number of characters for wrapping the label into lines.

Pass to DiagrammeR::grViz(), such as the size of the html widget.
```

Value

job_dependency_all() returns a list that contains three elements:

- dep_mat: a two column matrix containing dependencies from parents to children.
- id2name: a named vector containing mapping from job IDs to job names.
- id2stat: a named vector containing mapping from job IDs to job status.

job_dependency_igraph() returns a igraph::igraph object which contains a dependency graph induced by the input job ID.

```
job_dependency_dot() returns a DOT code for GraphViz visualization.
job_dependency_diagram() makes a HTML-based dependency diagram.
```

job_log

Examples

```
## Not run:
job1 = random_job()
job2 = random_job()
job3 = random_job(dependency = c(job1, job2))

job_dependency_all()
job_dependency_igraph(job3)
cat(job_dependency_dot(job3))
job_dependency_diagram(job3)

## End(Not run)
```

job_log

Obtain Job log

Description

Obtain Job log

Usage

```
job_log(job_id, print = TRUE, n_line = 10)
```

Arguments

job_id The job id. It can be a single job or a vector of job ids.

print Whether to print the log message to the terminal.

n_line Number of last lines for each job to show when multiple jobs are queried.

Value

The log messages as a vector.

```
## Not run:
# a single job
job_id = 1234567  # job ids can be get from `bjobs`
job_log(job_id)
# multiple jobs
job_id = c(10000000, 10000001, 10000002)
job_log(job_id)  # by default last 10 lines for each job are printed
job_log(job_id, n_line = 20)  # print last 20 lines for each job
# logs for all running jobs
job_log()
## End(Not run)
```

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job_rerun	Rerun jobs
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Description

Rerun jobs

Usage

```
job_rerun(job_id, dependency = character(0), verbose = TRUE, job_tb = NULL)
pipeline_rerun(job_id, skip_done = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

job_id A single job ID. In pipeline_rerun(), it is the job ID of any one job in the

pipeline.

dependency A vector of job IDs that current job depends on.

verbose Whether to print messages.

job_tb The data frame returned from bjobs(), internally used.

skip_done Whether to skip done jobs.

Details

In pipeline_rerun(), the full set of jobs can be captured by one job in the pipeline.

Value

```
job_rerun() returns the job IDs. pipeline_rerun() returns NULL.
```

```
job_status_by_name
```

Job status by job ID or name

Description

Job status by job ID or name

Usage

```
job_status_by_name(job_name)
job_status_by_id(job_id)
```

list_dump_files

Arguments

```
job_name A single job name.
job_id A single job ID.
```

Value

A vector of job status, with job IDs are names.

Examples

```
## Not run:
job_status_by_name("example")
job_status_by_id(123456)
## End(Not run)
```

list_dump_files

Check whether there are dump files

Description

Check whether there are dump files

Usage

```
list_dump_files(print = TRUE)
```

Arguments

print

Whether to print messages.

Details

For the failed jobs, LSF cluster might generate a core dump file and R might generate a .RDataTmp file

Note if you manually set working directory in your R code/script, the R dump file can be not caught.

Value

A vector of file names.

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

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list_temp_files

Clear temporary dir

Description

Clear temporary dir

Usage

```
list_temp_files()
remove_temp_files(ask = TRUE)
```

Arguments

ask

Whether to promote.

Details

The temporary files might be used by the running/pending jobs. Deleting them would affect some jobs. You should better delete them after all jobs are done.

Examples

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

monitor

Browser-based interactive job monitor

Description

Browser-based interactive job monitor

Usage

```
monitor()
```

Details

The monitor is implemented as a shiny app.

random_job

Examples

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

print.bjobs

Summary of jobs

Description

Summary of jobs

Usage

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

Arguments

x A bjobs object.... other arguments.

random_job

Submit a random job

Description

Submit a random job

Usage

```
random_job(name, secs = 30, ...)
```

Arguments

name Job name.

secs Seconds to sleep.

... Pass to bsub_chunk().

Details

It simply runs Sys.sleep(secs) in the job.

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Value

```
A job ID.
```

Examples

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

retrieve_var

Retrieve saved variable

Description

Retrieve saved variable

Usage

```
retrieve_var(job_id, job_name = NULL, wait = 30)
```

Arguments

job_id A single job ID.

job_name A single job name. Since jobs may have the same names, the most recent job is

selected.

wait Seconds to wait until the job is finished.

Details

It retrieves the saved variable in bsub_chunk() when save_rds = TRUE is set.

Value

The retrieved object.

```
## Not run:
job_id = bsub_chunk(name = "example", save_var = TRUE,
{
    Sys.sleep(10)
    1+1
})
retrieve_var(job_id)
## End(Not run)
```

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run_cmd

Run command on submission node

Description

Run command on submission node

Usage

```
run_cmd(cmd, print = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cmd A single-line command.

print Whether to print output from the command.

Details

If current node is not the submission node, the command is executed via ssh.

Value

The output of the command.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# run pwd on remote node
run_cmd("pwd")
## End(Not run)
```

ssh_connect

Connect to submisstion via ssh

Description

Connect to submisstion via ssh

Usage

```
ssh_connect(...)
ssh_disconnect()
```

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Arguments

```
... Pass to ssh::ssh_connect().
```

```
# ssh is automatically connected. To manually connect ssh, run:
## Not run:
ssh_connect()
ssh_disconnect()

## End(Not run)
# where the user name is the one you set in `bsub_opt$user` and
# the node is the one you set in `bsub_opt$login_node`.
```

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