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| check | <i>Run the test cases in a test file</i> |
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**Description**

Execute checks in a test suite and return the [TestFileResult](#) object from executing the test. Option-ally prints results of the test to console.

**Usage**

check(test\_file, test\_env, show\_results)

**Arguments**

- test\_file      Path to a test file
- test\_env      An environment against which to run tests
- show\_results    Whether to print the results to stdout

**Value**

The parsed test results for the suite

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
check("tests/q1.R")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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CheckCollectorAn R6 class for collecting [TestFileResult](#) objects during grading.

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**Description**

A collection of test file results created while grading an assignment

**Public fields**

`test_file_results` The [TestFileResult](#) objects created during grading

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

- [CheckCollector\\$new\(\)](#)
- [CheckCollector\\$add\\_result\(\)](#)
- [CheckCollector\\$get\\_results\(\)](#)
- [CheckCollector\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a [CheckCollector](#). Add a [TestFileResult](#) to this collector.

*Usage:*

```
CheckCollector$new()
```

**Method** `add_result()`:

*Usage:*

```
CheckCollector$add_result(test_file_result)
```

*Arguments:*

`test_file_result` The [TestFileResult](#) to add Retrieve the list [TestFileResult](#) objects stored in this collector.

**Method** `get_results()`:

*Usage:*

```
CheckCollector$get_results()
```

*Returns:* The list of [TestFileResult](#) objects

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

*Usage:*

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

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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| collector_env | <i>An environment into which a collector will be initialized (so we don't need to update global variables).</i> |
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**Description**

An environment into which a collector will be initialized (so we don't need to update global variables).

**Usage**

collector\_env

**Format**

An object of class environment of length 0.

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| collector_varname | <i>The name of the active collector variable in <a href="#">collector_env</a></i> |
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**Description**

The name of the active collector variable in [collector\\_env](#)

**Usage**

collector\_varname

**Format**

An object of class character of length 1.

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|----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| execute_script | <i>Generate an environment from an R script</i> |
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### Description

Execute a string as an R script and return the environment from that execution.

Converts a string to an AST and executes that script in a dummy environment for running test cases against. Transforms all expressions of the form `. = ottr::check(...)` by replacing the `.` with an index into a list in the environment with name `check_results_{SECRET}` to collect the [TestFileResult](#) objects generated from those checks. (This helps to handle variable name collisions in tests when grading a script.)

### Usage

```
execute_script(script, ignore_errors)
```

### Arguments

|               |                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| script        | The string to be executed                                  |
| ignore_errors | Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script |

### Value

The global environment after executing the script

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| export | <i>Export a submission to a zip file</i> |
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### Description

Export a submission to a zip file for submitting. If indicated, a PDF of the submission is generated and included in the zip file. (PDF generation is only supported for Rmd and ipynb files.)

### Usage

```
export(
  submission_path,
  export_path = NULL,
  display_link = TRUE,
  pdf = FALSE,
  force_save = FALSE,
  debug = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |                                                                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| submission_path | The path to the submission                                                      |
| export_path     | The path at which to write the zip file (optional)                              |
| display_link    | Whether to display a download link with IRdisplay                               |
| pdf             | Whether to include a PDF of the submission (only works for Rmd and ipynb files) |
| force_save      | Whether to attempt to force-save the notebook if running on Jupyter             |
| debug           | Whether to stop on PDF generation errors                                        |

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
export("hw01.ipynb")

# with pdf
export("hw01.ipynb", pdf = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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| get_collector | <i>Retrieve the global <a href="#">CheckCollector</a></i> |
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**Description**

Retrieve the global [CheckCollector](#)

**Usage**

```
get_collector()
```

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| grade_script | <i>Grade an R script against a series of test files</i> |
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**Description**

Execute a script, parse check outputs, and run additional tests specified by the glob pattern `tests_glob` on the test environment.

**Usage**

```
grade_script(script_path, tests_glob, ignore_errors)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |                                                            |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>script_path</code>   | The path to the script                                     |
| <code>tests_glob</code>    | The pattern to search for extra tests                      |
| <code>ignore_errors</code> | Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script |

**Value**

The [GradingResults](#) object after executing tests referenced in the script and those specified by `tests_glob`

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| GradingResults | <i>An R6 class representing a collection of test case results</i> |
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**Description**

A collection of test case results that correspond to a single test file.

**Public fields**

`test_file_results` The [TestFileResult](#) objects that make up this grading

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

- [GradingResults\\$new\(\)](#)
- [GradingResults\\$to\\_list\(\)](#)
- [GradingResults\\$to\\_json\(\)](#)
- [GradingResults\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method `new()`:** Create a grading result.

*Usage:*

```
GradingResults$new(test_file_results)
```

*Arguments:*

`test_file_results` The [TestFileResult](#) objects that make up this grading result

**Method `to_list()`:** Convert these results to a JSON-like list that can be convert to a [GradingResults](#) object by Otter's Python library.

The returned list has the JSON format

```
{
  "test_file_results": [
    {
      // output of TestFileResult$to_list
    }
  ]
}
```

*Usage:*  
GradingResults\$to\_list()  
*Returns:* The generated list

**Method** to\_json(): Export these results to a JSON string.

*Usage:*  
GradingResults\$to\_json()  
*Returns:* The JSON string

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

*Usage:*  
GradingResults\$clone(deep = FALSE)  
*Arguments:*  
deep Whether to make a deep clone.

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| initialize_collector | Create a new global <a href="#">CheckCollector</a> |
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**Description**

Create a new global [CheckCollector](#)

**Usage**

initialize\_collector()

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| load_test_cases | Load test cases from a test file |
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**Description**

Load test case data from a test file. Executes the file and grabs the global test variable, which should be a list.

**Usage**

load\_test\_cases(test\_file)

**Arguments**

test\_file      The path to the test file

**Value**

The test cases

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| running_on_jupyter | <i>Determine whether this R session is running on Jupyter.</i> |
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**Description**

Determine whether this R session is running on Jupyter by checking for a CommManager in IRkernel.

**Usage**

```
running_on_jupyter()
```

**Value**

A boolean indicating whether IRkernel is running.

**Examples**

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

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| run_autograder | <i>Grade an R script against test files in a directory</i> |
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**Description**

Run autograder in a Gradescope container and return the results as a properly-formatted JSON string.

**Usage**

```
run_autograder(script_path, ignore_errors, test_dir)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| script_path   | The path to the script                                     |
| ignore_errors | Whether to ignore errors thrown while executing the script |
| test_dir      | A directory of tests to glob from                          |

**Value**

The JSON string

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
run_autograder("hw01.R", "ABC123", TRUE, "tests")

## End(Not run)
```

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| save_notebook | <i>Attempt to save the current notebook.</i> |
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**Description**

Attempt to save the notebook by displaying Javascript if running on Jupyter. This function waits until the modification time of the file has changed or until the specified timeout expires.

**Usage**

```
save_notebook(nb_path, timeout = 10)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                    |
|---------|------------------------------------|
| nb_path | The path to the notebook           |
| timeout | Number of seconds to wait for save |

**Value**

A boolean indicating whether the file was saved successfully. If Jupyter is not running, this function returns TRUE.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
save_notebook("foo.ipynb")

## End(Not run)
```

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| TestCase | <i>An R6 class representing a test case</i> |
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**Description**

A test case for Ottr. Contains configurations and code to be executed for the test.

**Public fields**

name The name of the test case  
code The code to be executed as part of the test case  
points The point value of the test case  
hidden Whether the test case is hidden  
success\_message A message to show to students if the test passes  
failure\_message A message to show to students if the test fails

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

- [TestCase\\$new\(\)](#)
- [TestCase\\$run\(\)](#)
- [TestCase\\$to\\_list\(\)](#)
- [TestCase\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method new():** Create a test case.

*Usage:*

```
TestCase$new(  
  name,  
  code,  
  points = 1,  
  hidden = FALSE,  
  success_message = NA,  
  failure_message = NA  
)
```

*Arguments:*

name The name of the test case  
code The code to be executed as part of the test case  
points The point value of the test case  
hidden Whether the test case is hidden  
success\_message A message to show to students if the test passes  
failure\_message A message to show to students if the test fails

**Method run():** Run the test case against the provided environment.

*Usage:*

```
TestCase$run(env)
```

*Arguments:*

env The environment to run the test case in

**Method to\_list():** Convert this test case to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.

*Usage:*

```
TestCase$to_list()
```

*Returns:* The list representation of this test case

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

*Usage:*

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

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
tc = TestCase$new("q1", {
  testthat::assert_true(q1.ans)
})
env = new.env()
env$q1.ans = TRUE
tc$run(env)
```

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|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| TestCaseResult | <i>An R6 representing the results of running a test case</i> |
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## Description

Represents the results of running a test case against a global environment. Contains metadata about the passing/failing of the test case as well as a reference to the test case itself.

## Public fields

`passed` Whether the test passed

`error` An error raised by executing the test, if any

`test_case` The [TestCase](#) that this result tracks

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [TestCaseResult\\$new\(\)](#)
- [TestCaseResult\\$get\\_score\(\)](#)
- [TestCaseResult\\$repr\(\)](#)
- [TestCaseResult\\$to\\_list\(\)](#)
- [TestCaseResult\\$get\\_message\(\)](#)
- [TestCaseResult\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a test case result.

*Usage:*

```
TestCaseResult$new(passed, error, test_case)
```

*Arguments:*

passed Whether the test passed  
 error An error raised by executing the test, if any  
 test\_case The TestCase that this result tracks

**Method** `get_score()`: Get the score earned for this test case, accounting for whether the test passed or failed.

*Usage:*

`TestCaseResult$get_score()`

*Returns:* The score

**Method** `repr()`: Convert this result into a human-readable string for display.

*Usage:*

`TestCaseResult$repr()`

*Returns:* The string representation of this result

**Method** `to_list()`: Convert this result to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.

*Usage:*

`TestCaseResult$to_list()`

*Returns:* The list representation of this result

**Method** `get_message()`: Get the message to be displayed to the student based on whether the test case passed or failed, if any.

*Usage:*

`TestCaseResult$get_message()`

*Returns:* The message or NA

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

*Usage:*

`TestCaseResult$clone(deep = FALSE)`

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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TestFileResult

*An R6 class representing a collection of test case results*

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## Description

A collection of test case results that correspond to a single test file.

## Public fields

`test_case_results` The [TestCaseResult](#) objects that make up this test file

`filename` The name of the test file

`points` The point value of the test file or a list of test case point values

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [TestFileResult\\$new\(\)](#)
- [TestFileResult\\$get\\_basename\(\)](#)
- [TestFileResult\\$get\\_score\(\)](#)
- [TestFileResult\\$repr\(\)](#)
- [TestFileResult\\$to\\_list\(\)](#)
- [TestFileResult\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a test file result.

*Usage:*

```
TestFileResult$new(filename, test_case_results, points = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`filename` The name of the test file

`test_case_results` The [TestCaseResult](#) objects that make up this test file

`points` The point value of the test file or a list of test case point values

**Method** `get_basename()`: Get the basename of the file this result corresponds to.

*Usage:*

```
TestFileResult$get_basename()
```

*Returns:* The basename of the test file

**Method** `get_score()`: Get the total score earned for this test file as a percentage. Uses [TestCaseResult\\$get\\_score\(\)](#) to determine the points earned for each test case.

*Usage:*

```
TestFileResult$get_score()
```

*Returns:* The score as a percentage.

**Method** `repr()`: Convert this result into a human-readable string for display.

*Usage:*

```
TestFileResult$repr()
```

*Returns:* The string representation of this result

**Method** `to_list()`: Convert this result to a JSON-compatible list with all of its fields.

*Usage:*

```
TestFileResult$to_list()
```

*Returns:* The list representation of this result

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

*Usage:*

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

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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| update_ast_check_calls | <i>Collect results of calls to ottr::check in an AST</i> |
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**Description**

Traverse an AST (a list of expressions) and change calls of the form `. = ottr::check(...)` so that they are appended to a list with name `list_name`.  
If `list_name` is `check_results_XX`, then `. = ottr::check(...)` becomes `check_results_XX[[<int>]] = ottr::check(...)` where `<int>` is an integer

**Usage**

`update_ast_check_calls(tree, list_name)`

**Arguments**

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <code>tree</code>      | The tree to traverse        |
| <code>list_name</code> | The quoted name of the list |

**Value**

The tree with substitutions made

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| valid_syntax | <i>Check whether a string is valid R code</i> |
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**Description**

Determine whether a code snippet has any syntax errors.  
Determine whether a code snippet has any syntax errors.

**Usage**

`valid_syntax(script)`  
`valid_syntax(script)`

**Arguments**

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <code>script</code> | The code snippet |
|---------------------|------------------|

**Value**

Whether the code snippet is valid (can be parsed with `parse`)  
Whether the code snippet is valid (can be parsed with `parse`)

**Examples**

```
s = "  
a = TRUE  
b = c(1, 2, 3)  
d = function(x) x ^ 2  
f = d(b)  
"  
valid_syntax(s)  
#> [1] TRUE  
  
s = "  
if (TRUE) {  
  a = c(1, 2)  
}  
"  
valid_syntax(s)  
#> [1] FALSE  
  
s = "  
a = TRUE  
b = c(1, 2, 3)  
d = function(x) x ^ 2  
f = d(b)  
"  
valid_syntax(s)  
#> [1] TRUE  
  
s = "  
if (TRUE) {  
  a = c(1, 2)  
}  
"  
valid_syntax(s)  
#> [1] FALSE
```

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