Package 'rollama'

July 23, 2025

```
Title Communicate with 'Ollama' to Run Large Language Models Locally
Version 0.2.2
Description Wraps the 'Ollama' <a href="https://ollama.com">https://ollama.com</a> API, which can be used to
     communicate with generative large language models locally.
License GPL (>= 3)
Encoding UTF-8
RoxygenNote 7.3.2
Imports callr, cli, dplyr, httr2, jsonlite, methods, prettyunits,
     purrr, rlang, tibble, withr
Suggests base64enc, covr, glue, knitr, rmarkdown, spelling, testthat
     (>= 3.0.0)
Depends R (>= 4.1.0)
VignetteBuilder knitr
Config/testthat/edition 3
Language en-US
URL https://jbgruber.github.io/rollama/,
     https://github.com/JBGruber/rollama
BugReports https://github.com/JBGruber/rollama/issues
NeedsCompilation no
Author Johannes B. Gruber [aut, cre] (ORCID:
       <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9177-1772>),
     Maximilian Weber [aut, ctb] (ORCID:
      <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1174-449X>)
Maintainer Johannes B. Gruber < Johannes B. Gruber@gmail.com>
Repository CRAN
Date/Publication 2025-04-25 23:20:02 UTC
```

Contents

chat_history	2
check_model_installed	2
create_model	3
embed_text	4
list_models	5
make_query	
ping_ollama	7
pull_model	7
query	8
rollama-options	12

Index 13

chat_history

Handle conversations

Description

Shows and deletes (new_chat) the local prompt and response history to start a new conversation.

Usage

```
chat_history()
new_chat()
```

Value

```
chat_history: tibble with chat history
new_chat: Does not return a value
```

check_model_installed Check if one or several models are installed on the server

Description

Check if one or several models are installed on the server

Usage

```
check_model_installed(
  model,
  check_only = FALSE,
  auto_pull = FALSE,
  server = getOption("rollama_server", default = "http://localhost:11434")
)
```

create_model 3

Arguments

model names of one or several models as character vector.

check_only only return TRUE/FALSE and don't download models.

auto_pull if FALSE, the default, asks before downloading models.

server URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

Value

invisible TRUE/FALSE

	create_mod	del	Creat	te a model j	from a Moa	delfile		
--	------------	-----	-------	--------------	------------	---------	--	--

Description

Create a model from a Modelfile

Usage

```
create_model(model, modelfile, server = NULL)
```

Arguments

model name of the model to create

modelfile either a path to a model file to be read or the contents of the model file as a

character vector.

server URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

Details

Custom models are the way to save your system message and model parameters in a dedicated shareable way. If you use show_model(), you can look at the configuration of a model in the column modelfile. To get more information and a list of valid parameters, check out https://github.com/ollama/ollama/blob/main/docs/modelfile.md. Most options are also available through the query and chat functions, yet are not persistent over sessions.

Value

Nothing. Called to create a model on the Ollama server.

```
modelfile <- system.file("extdata", "modelfile.txt", package = "rollama")
## Not run: create_model("mario", modelfile)
modelfile <- "FROM llama3.1\nSYSTEM You are mario from Super Mario Bros."
## Not run: create_model("mario", modelfile)</pre>
```

4 embed_text

embed_text

Generate Embeddings

Description

Generate Embeddings

Usage

```
embed_text(
   text,
   model = NULL,
   server = NULL,
   model_params = NULL,
   verbose = getOption("rollama_verbose", default = interactive())
)
```

Arguments

text text vector to generate embeddings for.

model which model to use. See https://ollama.com/library for options. Default

is "llama3.1". Set option(rollama_model = "modelname") to change default for

the current session. See pull_model for more details.

server URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

model_params a named list of additional model parameters listed in the documentation for the

Modelfile.

verbose Whether to print status messages to the Console (TRUE/FALSE). The default is to

have status messages in interactive sessions. Can be changed with options(rollama_verbose

= FALSE).

Value

a tibble with embeddings.

```
## Not run:
embed_text(c(
   "Here is an article about llamas...",
   "R is a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics."))
## End(Not run)
```

list_models 5

list_models

List models that are available locally.

Description

List models that are available locally.

Usage

```
list_models(server = NULL)
```

Arguments

server

URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

Value

a tibble of installed models

make_query

Generate and format queries for a language model

Description

make_query generates structured input for a language model, including system prompt, user messages, and optional examples (assistant answers).

Usage

```
make_query(
  text,
  prompt,
  template = "{prefix}{text}\n{prompt}\n{suffix}",
  system = NULL,
  prefix = NULL,
  suffix = NULL,
  examples = NULL
)
```

6 make_query

Arguments

text	A character vector of texts to be annotated.
prompt	A string defining the main task or question to be passed to the language model.
template	A string template for formatting user queries, containing placeholders like $\{text\}$, $\{prefix\}$, and $\{suffix\}$.
system	An optional string to specify a system prompt.
prefix	A prefix string to prepend to each user query.
suffix	A suffix string to append to each user query.
examples	A tibble with columns text and answer, representing example user messages and corresponding assistant responses.

Details

The function supports the inclusion of examples, which are dynamically added to the structured input. Each example follows the same format as the primary user query.

Value

A list of tibbles, one for each input text, containing structured rows for system messages, user messages, and assistant responses.

```
template <- "{prefix}{text}\n\n{prompt}{suffix}"</pre>
examples <- tibble::tribble(</pre>
  ~text, ~answer,
  "This movie was amazing, with great acting and story.", "positive",
  "The film was okay, but not particularly memorable.", "neutral",
  "I found this movie boring and poorly made.", "negative"
)
queries <- make_query(</pre>
  text = c("A stunning visual spectacle.", "Predictable but well-acted."),
  prompt = "Classify sentiment as positive, neutral, or negative.",
  template = template,
  system = "Provide a sentiment classification.",
  prefix = "Review: ",
  suffix = " Please classify.",
  examples = examples
print(queries)
if (ping_ollama()) { # only run this example when Ollama is running
  query(queries, screen = TRUE, output = "text")
}
```

ping_ollama 7

ping_	OTT	Lama

Ping server to see if Ollama is reachable

Description

Ping server to see if Ollama is reachable

Usage

```
ping_ollama(server = NULL, silent = FALSE, version = FALSE)
```

Arguments

server URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

silent suppress warnings and status (only return TRUE/FALSE).

version return version instead of TRUE.

Value

TRUE if server is running

pull_model

Pull, show and delete models

Description

Pull, show and delete models

Usage

```
pull_model(
   model = NULL,
   server = NULL,
   insecure = FALSE,
   verbose = getOption("rollama_verbose", default = interactive())
)
show_model(model = NULL, server = NULL)
delete_model(model, server = NULL)
copy_model(model, destination = paste0(model, "-copy"), server = NULL)
```

Arguments

model	$name\ of\ the\ model (s).\ Defaults\ to\ "llama 3.1"\ when\ NULL\ (except\ in\ delete_model).$
server	URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".
insecure	allow insecure connections to the library. Only use this if you are pulling from your own library during development.
verbose	Whether to print status messages to the Console. Either TRUE/FALSE or see httr2::progress_bars . The default is to have status messages in interactive sessions. Can be changed with options(rollama_verbose = FALSE).
destination	name of the copied model.

Details

• pull_model(): downloads model

• show_model(): displays information about a local model

• copy_model(): creates a model with another name from an existing model

• delete_model(): deletes local model

Model names: Model names follow a model:tag format, where model can have an optional namespace such as example/model. Some examples are orca-mini:3b-q4_1 and llama3.1:70b. The tag is optional and, if not provided, will default to latest. The tag is used to identify a specific version.

Value

(invisible) a tibble with information about the model (except in delete_model)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# download a model and save information in an object
model_info <- pull_model("mixtral")
# after you pull, you can get the same information with:
model_info <- show_model("mixtral")
# pulling models from Hugging Face Hub is also possible
pull_model("https://huggingface.co/oxyapi/oxy-1-small-GGUF:Q2_K")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

query

Chat with a LLM through Ollama

Description

Chat with a LLM through Ollama

Usage

```
query(
  q,
 model = NULL,
  screen = TRUE,
  server = NULL,
  images = NULL,
 model_params = NULL,
 output = c("response", "text", "list", "data.frame", "httr2_response", "httr2_request"),
  format = NULL,
  template = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("rollama_verbose", default = interactive())
)
chat(
 model = NULL,
  screen = TRUE,
  server = NULL,
  images = NULL,
 model_params = NULL,
  template = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("rollama_verbose", default = interactive())
)
```

Arguments

model which model(s) to use. See https://ollama.com/library for options. De-

fault is "llama3.1". Set option(rollama_model = "modelname") to change de-

fault for the current session. See pull_model for more details.

screen Logical. Should the answer be printed to the screen.

server URL to one or several Ollama servers (not the API). Defaults to "http://localhost:11434".

images path(s) to images (for multimodal models such as llava).

model_params a named list of additional model parameters listed in the documentation for the

Modelfile such as temperature. Use a seed and set the temperature to zero to get

reproducible results (see examples).

output what the function should return. Possible values are "response", "text", "list",

"data.frame", "httr2_response" or "httr2_request" or a function see details.

format the format to return a response in. Currently the only accepted value is "json".

template the prompt template to use (overrides what is defined in the Modelfile).

verbose Whether to print status messages to the Console. Either TRUE/FALSE or see

httr2::progress_bars. The default is to have status messages in interactive ses-

sions. Can be changed with options(rollama_verbose = FALSE).

Details

query sends a single question to the API, without knowledge about previous questions (only the config message is relevant). chat treats new messages as part of the same conversation until new_chat is called.

To make the output reproducible, you can set a seed with options(rollama_seed = 42). As long as the seed stays the same, the models will give the same answer, changing the seed leads to a different answer.

For the output of query, there are a couple of options:

- response: the response of the Ollama server
- · text: only the answer as a character vector
- data.frame: a data.frame containing model and response
- list: a list containing the prompt to Ollama and the response
- httr2_response: the response of the Ollama server including HTML headers in the httr2 response format
- httr2_request: httr2_request objects in a list, in case you want to run them with httr2::req_perform(), httr2::req_perform_sequential(), or httr2::req_perform_parallel() yourself.
- a custom function that takes the httr2_response(s) from the Ollama server as an input.

Value

list of objects set in output parameter.

```
# ask a single question
query("why is the sky blue?")
# hold a conversation
chat("why is the sky blue?")
chat("and how do you know that?")
# save the response to an object and extract the answer
resp <- query(q = "why is the sky blue?")</pre>
answer <- resp[[1]]$message$content</pre>
# or just get the answer directly
answer <- query(q = "why is the sky blue?", output = "text")</pre>
# besides the other output options, you can also supply a custom function
query_duration <- function(resp) {</pre>
nanosec <- purrr::map(resp, httr2::resp_body_json) |>
 purrr::map_dbl("total_duration")
 round(nanosec * 1e-9, digits = 2)
# this function only returns the number of seconds a request took
res <- query("why is the sky blue?", output = query_duration)
res
```

```
# ask question about images (to a multimodal model)
images <- c("https://avatars.githubusercontent.com/u/23524101?v=4", # remote</pre>
            "/path/to/your/image.jpg") # or local images supported
query(q = "describe these images",
      model = "llava",
      images = images[1]) # just using the first path as the second is not real
# set custom options for the model at runtime (rather than in create_model())
query("why is the sky blue?",
      model_params = list(
        num\_keep = 5,
        seed = 42,
        num_predict = 100,
        top_k = 20,
        top_p = 0.9,
        min_p = 0.0,
        tfs_z = 0.5,
        typical_p = 0.7,
        repeat_last_n = 33,
        temperature = 0.8,
        repeat_penalty = 1.2,
        presence_penalty = 1.5,
        frequency_penalty = 1.0,
        mirostat = 1,
        mirostat_tau = 0.8,
        mirostat_eta = 0.6,
        penalize_newline = TRUE,
        numa = FALSE,
        num_ctx = 1024,
        num_batch = 2,
        num\_gpu = 0,
        main_gpu = 0,
        low_vram = FALSE,
        vocab_only = FALSE,
        use_mmap = TRUE,
        use_mlock = FALSE,
        num\_thread = 8
      ))
# use a seed to get reproducible results
query("why is the sky blue?", model_params = list(seed = 42))
# to set a seed for the whole session you can use
options(rollama_seed = 42)
# this might be interesting if you want to turn off the GPU and load the
# model into the system memory (slower, but most people have more RAM than
# VRAM, which might be interesting for larger models)
query("why is the sky blue?",
       model_params = list(num_gpu = 0))
# Asking the same question to multiple models is also supported
```

12 rollama-options

rollama-options

rollama Options

Description

The behaviour of rollama can be controlled through options(). Specifically, the options below can be set.

Details

rollama_server This controls the default server where Ollama is expected to run. It assumes that you are running Ollama locally in a Docker container.

```
"http://localhost:11434"
```

defaultama_model The default model is llama 3.1, which is a good overall option with reasonable performance and size for most tasks. You can change the model in each function call or globally with this option.

```
"llama3.1"
```

defauddama_verbose Whether the package tells users what is going on, e.g., showing a spinner while the models are thinking or showing the download speed while pulling models. Since this adds some complexity to the code, you might want to disable it when you get errors (it won't fix the error, but you get a better error trace).

TRUE

defaudiama_config The default configuration or system message. If NULL, the system message defined in the used model is employed.

None

defauddama_seed As long as the seed stays the same, the models will give the same answer, changing the seed leads to a different answer. Per default, no seed is set and each call to query() or chat() will give you a different answer.

None

Examples

default: options(rollama_config = "You make answers understandable to a 5 year old")

Index

```
chat (query), 8
chat_history, 2
\verb|check_model_installed|, 2|
copy_model (pull_model), 7
create_model, 3
delete_model (pull_model), 7
embed\_text, 4
httr2::progress_bars, 8, 9
httr2::req_perform(), 10
httr2::req_perform_parallel(), 10
httr2::req_perform_sequential(), 10
list_models, 5
make_query, 5
new_chat, 10
new_chat (chat_history), 2
ping_ollama, 7
pull_model, 4, 7, 9
query, 8
rollama-options, 12
show_model (pull_model), 7
```