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ds.default.location	<i>Default location to save data</i>
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Description

The following waterfall is used to lookup the default location: 1. options 2. environment 3. default option

Good practice is not to store this setting inside the script files. Add options(RTSDATA_DB='mongodb://localhost') line to the .Rprofile to use 'mongodb://localhost' database.

Usage

```
ds.default.location()

ds.default.database()
```

Details

Good practice is not to store this setting inside the script files. Add options(RTSDATA_FOLDER='C:/Data') line to the .Rprofile to use 'C:/Data' folder.

Value

- default location to save data
- default database to save data

Examples

```
# Default location to save data
ds.default.location()
```

`ds.functionality.default`*Default Functionality*

Description

Default functionality configuration

Usage

```
ds.functionality.default(  
    check.update = TRUE,  
    update.required.fn = update.required  
)
```

Arguments

`check.update` flag to check for updates, **defaults to TRUE**
`update.required.fn` function to check if update is required given stored historical data, **defaults to `update.required`**. The `update.required` function takes last update stamp, current date/time, holiday calendar name.

Value

list with options

Examples

```
# disable check for updates for the 'yahoo' data source  
register.data.source(src = 'yahoo', functionality = ds.functionality.default(FALSE))
```

`ds.get.url`*Load data from URL*

Description

Load data from URL

Usage

```
ds.get.url(  
    url,  
    h = curl::new_handle(),  
    useragent = "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; Win64; rv:62.0) Gecko/20100101",  
    referer = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

url	url
h	curl handle
useragent	user agent
referer	referer

Examples

```
ds.get.url('https://finance.yahoo.com/')
```

ds.getSymbol.yahoo	<i>Get quotes from Yahoo Finance</i>
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Description

Download historical data from Yahoo Finance using 'getSymbols.yahoo' function from 'quantmod' package.

Download historical data from FRED using 'get_fred_series' function from 'alfred' package.

Download historical data from Quandl using 'Quandl' function from 'Quandl' package.

Download historical data from AlphaVantage using 'getSymbols.av' function from 'quantmod' package.

Download historical data from Tiingo using 'getSymbols.tiingo' function from 'quantmod' package.

Generate fake stock data for use in rtsdata examples

Usage

```
ds.getSymbol.yahoo(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

```
ds.getSymbol.FRED(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

```
ds.getSymbol.Quandl(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

```
ds.getSymbol.av(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

```
ds.getSymbol.tiingo(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

```
ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data(Symbol, from = "1900-01-01", to = Sys.Date())
```

Arguments

Symbol	symbol
from	start date, expected in yyyy-mm-dd format, defaults to 1900-01-01
to	end date, expected in yyyy-mm-dd format, defaults to today's date

Details

Quandl recommends getting an API key Add following code options(Quandl.api_key = api_key) to your .Rprofile file

You need an API key from www.alphavantage.co Add following code options(getSymbols.av.Default = api_key) to your .Rprofile file

You need an API key from api.tiingo.com Add following code options(getSymbols.av.Default = api_key) to your .Rprofile file

Value

xts object with data

Examples

```
# get sample of the fake stock data
ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data('dummy', from = '2018-02-01', to = '2018-02-13')
```

ds.load.csv

Read csv

Description

Read csv

Usage

```
ds.load.csv(filename, sep = ",", ...)
```

Arguments

filename	CSV filename
sep	delimiter
...	other parameters

Examples

```
# generate csv file
filename = file.path(tempdir(), 'dummy.csv')
cat('x1,x2,x3\n1,2,3\n', file = filename)
ds.load.csv(filename)
```

ds.storage.database *MongoDB GridFS Storage model*

Description

MongoDB GridFS Storage model

Usage

```
ds.storage.database(url = ds.default.database(), db = "data_storage")
```

Arguments

url	address of the mongodb server in mongo connection string URI format, defaults to ds.default.database database . For local mongodb server, use 'mongodb://localhost' URI. For local authenticated mongodb server, use 'mongodb://user:password@localhost' URI.
db	name of database, defaults to 'data_storage'

Value

list with storage options

Examples

```
# change the 'yahoo' data source to use MongoDB to store historical data
# register.data.source(src = 'yahoo', storage = ds.storage.database())
```

ds.storage.file.csv *CSV file Storage model*

Description

CSV file Storage model

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.csv(
  location = ds.default.location(),
  extension = "csv",
  date.format = "%Y-%m-%d",
  custom.folder = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

location	storage location, defaults to ds.default.location folder
extension	file extension, defaults to 'csv'
date.format	date format, defaults to "%Y-%m-%d" use "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" for storing intra day data
custom.folder	custom folder flag, defaults to False if flag is False default , the data is stored at the "location\src_extnsion" folder. if flag is True, the data is stored at the location folder.

Value

list with storage options

Examples

```
# change the 'yahoo' data source to use CSV files to store historical data
register.data.source(src = 'yahoo', storage = ds.storage.file.csv())
```

```
ds.storage.file.csv.load
```

Load data from CSV file into 'xts' object

Description

Load data from CSV file into 'xts' object

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.csv.load(file, date.col = NULL, date.format = "%Y-%m-%d")
```

Arguments

file	CSV file
date.col	date column
date.format	date format

Value

xts object with loaded data

Examples

```
# get sample of the fake stock data
data = ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data('dummy', from = '2018-02-01', to = '2018-02-13')
filename = file.path(tempdir(), 'dummy.csv')
ds.storage.file.csv.save(data, filename)
ds.storage.file.csv.load(filename)
```

```
ds.storage.file.csv.save
```

Save 'xts' object into CSV file

Description

Save 'xts' object into CSV file

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.csv.save(ds.data, file, date.format = "%Y-%m-%d")
```

Arguments

ds.data	'xts' object
file	filename to save 'xts' object
date.format	date format

Value

nothing

Examples

```
# get sample of the fake stock data
data = ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data('dummy', from = '2018-02-01', to = '2018-02-13')
filename = file.path(tempdir(), 'dummy.csv')
ds.storage.file.csv.save(data, filename)
```

```
ds.storage.file.exists
```

Check if file exists with historical data for given ticker

Description

Check if file exists with historical data for given ticker

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.exists(t, s)
```

Arguments

t	ticker
s	storage model

Value

boolean indicating if file exists with historical data for given ticker

Examples

```
ds.storage.file.exists('dummy', ds.storage.file.rdata())
```

ds.storage.file.rdata *Rdata file Storage model*

Description

Rdata file Storage model

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.rdata(
  location = ds.default.location(),
  extension = "Rdata",
  custom.folder = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

location	storage location, defaults to ds.default.location folder
extension	file extension, defaults to 'Rdata'
custom.folder	custom folder flag, defaults to False if flag is False default , the data is stored at the "location\src_extnsion" folder. if flag is True, the data is stored at the location folder.

Value

list with storage options

Examples

```
# change the 'yahoo' data source to use Rdata files to store historical data
register.data.source(src = 'yahoo', storage = ds.storage.file.rdata())
```

```
ds.storage.file.ticker
```

File with historical data for given ticker

Description

File with historical data for given ticker

Usage

```
ds.storage.file.ticker(t, s)
```

Arguments

t	ticker
s	storage model

Value

filename with historical data for given ticker

Examples

```
ds.storage.file.ticker('dummy', ds.storage.file.rdata())
```

```
getSymbols
```

Download historical data

Description

Overwrite the getSymbols function from 'quantmod' package to efficiently load historical data

Usage

```
getSymbols(  
  Symbols = NULL,  
  env = parent.frame(),  
  reload.Symbols = FALSE,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  warnings = TRUE,  
  src = "yahoo",  
  symbol.lookup = TRUE,  
  auto.assign = TRUE,  
  from = "1990-01-01",  
  to = Sys.time(),
```

```

    calendar = NULL,
    check.update = NULL,
    full.update = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

Symbols	list symbols to download historical data
env	environment to hold historical data, defaults to parent.frame()
reload.Symbols	flag, not used, inherited from the getSymbols function from 'quantmod' package, defaults to FALSE
verbose	flag, inherited from the getSymbols function from 'quantmod' package, defaults to FALSE
warnings	flag, not used, inherited from the getSymbols function from 'quantmod' package, defaults to TRUE
src	source of historical data, defaults to 'yahoo'
symbol.lookup	flag, not used, inherited from the getSymbols function from 'quantmod' package, defaults to TRUE
auto.assign	flag to store data in the given environment, defaults to TRUE
from	start date, expected in yyyy-mm-dd format, defaults to 1900-01-01
to	end date, expected in yyyy-mm-dd format, defaults to today's date
calendar	RQuantLib's holiday calendar, for example: calendar = 'UnitedStates/NYSE', defaults to NULL
check.update	flag to check for updates, defaults to NULL
full.update	flag to force full update, defaults to NULL

Value

xts object with data

Examples

```

# small toy example

# register data source to generate fake stock data for use in rtsdata examples
register.data.source(src = 'sample', data = ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data)

# Full Update till '2018-02-13'
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01', to = '2018-02-13',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# No updated needed, data is loaded from file
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01', to = '2018-02-13',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# Incremental update from '2018-02-13' till today
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01',

```

```

auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# No updated needed, data is loaded from file
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# data is stored in the 'sample_Rdata' folder at the following location
ds.default.location()

ds.getSymbol.yahoo('AAPL', from='2018-02-13')

```

register.data.source *Data Sources*

Description

List available data sources and Register new ones

Usage

```

register.data.source(
  src = "yahoo",
  data = ds.getSymbol.yahoo,
  storage = ds.storage.file.rdata(),
  functionality = ds.functionality.default(),
  overwrite = TRUE
)

data.sources()

```

Arguments

src	data source name, defaults to 'yahoo'
data	data source to download historical data, function must take Symbol, from, to parameters, defaults to ds.getSymbol.yahoo
storage	storage model configuration, defaults to ds.storage.file.rdata(src)
functionality	functionality configuration, defaults to ds.functionality.default()
overwrite	flag to overwrite data source if already registered in the list of plugins, defaults to True

Value

None

Examples

```
# register data source to generate fake stock data for use in rtsdata examples
register.data.source(src = 'sample', data = ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data)

# print all registered data sources
names(data.sources())
```

rtsdata

'rtsdata' - Efficient Data Storage system for R Time Series.

Description

The 'rtsdata' package simplifies the management of Time Series in R. This package overwrites the 'getSymbols' function from 'quantmod' package to allow for minimal changes to get started. The 'rtsdata' package provides functionality to **download** and **store** historical time series.

The **download** functionality will intelligently update historical data as needed. The incremental data is downloaded first to updated historical data. The full history is **only** downloaded if incremental data is not consistent. I.e. the last saved record is different from the first downloaded record.

The following download plugins are currently available: * Yahoo Finance - based on 'quantmod' package. * FRED - based on 'quantmod' package. * Quandl - based on 'Quandl' package. Quandl recommends getting an API key. Add following code options(Quandl.api_key = api_key) to your .Rprofile file. * AlphaVantage(av) - based on 'quantmod' package. You need an API key from www.alphavantage.co. Add following code options(getSymbols.av.Default = api_key) to your .Rprofile file. * Tiingo - based on 'quantmod' package. You need an API key from api.tiingo.com. Add following code options(getSymbols.av.Default = api_key) to your .Rprofile file.

The download functionality plugins are easily created. The user needs to provide a function to download historical data with ticker, start, and end dates parameters to create new download plugin.

The **storage** functionality provides a consistent interface to store historical time series. The following storage plugins are currently available: * Rdata - store historical time series data in the Rdata files. * CSV - store historical time series data in the CSV files. The CSV storage is not efficient because CSV files will have to be parsed every time the data is loaded. The advantage of this format is ease of access to the stored historical data by external programs. For example the CSV files can be opened in Notepad or Excel. * MongoDB - store historical time series data in the MongoDB GridFS system. The MongoDB storage provides optional authentication. The MongoDB storage functionality is currently only available in the development version at bitbucket.

The storage functionality plugins are easily created. The user needs to provide a functions to load and save data to create new storage plugin.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://bitbucket.org/rtsvizteam/rtsdata>
- Report bugs at <https://bitbucket.org/rtsvizteam/rtsdata/issues>

Examples

```
# small toy example

# register data source to generate fake stock data for use in rtsdata examples
register.data.source(src = 'sample', data = ds.getSymbol.fake.stock.data)

# Full Update till '2018-02-13'
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01', to = '2018-02-13',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# No updated needed, data is loaded from file
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01', to = '2018-02-13',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# Incremental update from '2018-02-13' till today
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# No updated needed, data is loaded from file
data = getSymbols('test', src = 'sample', from = '2018-01-01',
auto.assign=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)

# data is stored in the 'sample_Rdata' folder at the following location
ds.default.location()
```

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