# Package 'srcr'

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Locate candidate configuration files

## Description

Given vectors of directories, basenames, and suffices, combine them to find existing files.

## Usage

```
find_config_files(
  basenames = .basename.defaults(),
  dirs = .dir.defaults(),
  suffices = .suffix.defaults()
)
```

## **Arguments**

basenames A vector of file names (without directory or file type) to use in searching for

configuration files.

dirs A vector of directory names to use in searching for configuration files.

suffices A vector of suffices (file "type"s) to use in searching for the configuration file.

#### **Details**

This function is intended to support a variety of installation patterns, so it attempts to be flexible in looking for configuration files. First, environment variables of the form *basename\_CONFIG*, where *basename* is the uppercase form of each candidate basename, are examined to see whether any translate to a file path.

Following this, the path name parts supplied as arguments are used to build potential file names. If dirs is not specified, the following directories are checked by default:

- 1. the user's \$HOME directory
- 2. the directory named .srcr (no leading . on Windows) under \$HOME
- 3. the directory in which the executing script is located
- 4. the directory in which the calling function's calling function's source file is located (typically an application-level library). For example, if the function my\_setup() calls srcr(), which in turn calls find\_config\_files(), then the directory of the file containing my\_setup() will be tried.
- 5. the directory in which the calling function's source file is located (typically a utility function, such as srcr())

Note that the current working directory is not part of the search by default. This is done to limit the potential for accidentally introducing (potentially harmful) configuration files by setting the working directory.

In each location, the file names given in basenames are checked; if none are specified, several default file names are tried:

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- 1. the name of the calling function's source file
- 2. the name of the executing script
- 3. the directory in which the calling function's calling function's source file is located (typically an application-level library). For example, if the function my\_setup() calls srcr(), which in turn calls find\_config\_files(), then the name of the file containing my\_setup() will be tried.

The suffices (file "type"s) of .json, .conf, and nothing, are tried with each candidate path; you may override this default by using the suffices parameter. Finally, in order to accommodate the Unix tradition of "hidden" configuration files, each basename is prefixed with a period before trying the basename alone.

## Value

A vector of path specifications, or an empty vector if none are found.

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