

# Package ‘mockery’

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call-expectations	<i>Expectation: does the given call match the expected?</i>
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### Description

Together with `mock` can be used to verify whether the call expression (`expect_call`) and/or argument values (`expect_args`) match the expected.

### Usage

```
expect_call(mock_object, n, expected_call)
```

```
expect_args(mock_object, n, ...)
```

```
expect_called(mock_object, n)
```

### Arguments

<code>mock_object</code>	A <code>mock</code> object.
<code>n</code>	Call number or total number of calls.
<code>expected_call</code>	Expected call expression; will be compared unevaluated.
<code>...</code>	Arguments as passed in a call.

### Details

With `expect_called` you can check how many times has the mock object been called.

### Examples

```
library(testthat)

# expect call expression (signature)
m <- mock()
with_mock(summary = m, summary(iris))

# it has been called once
expect_called(m, 1)

# the first (and only) call's arguments matches summary(iris)
expect_call(m, 1, summary(iris))

# expect argument value
m <- mock()
a <- iris
with_mock(summary = m, summary(object = a))
expect_args(m, 1, object = a)
# is an equivalent to ...
```

```
expect_equal(mock_args(m)[[1]], list(object = a))
```

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 mock

*Create and query a mocked function.*


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## Description

Mock object's primary use is to record calls that are made on the mocked function.

## Usage

```
mock(..., cycle = FALSE, envir = parent.frame())
```

```
mock_args(m)
```

```
mock_calls(m)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mock'
length(x)
```

## Arguments

...	Values returned upon subsequent calls.
cycle	Whether to cycle over the return values. If FALSE, will fail if called too many times.
envir	Where to evaluate the expressions being returned.
m	A <a href="#">mocked</a> function.
x	A <a href="#">mocked</a> function.

## Details

Optionally values/expressions can be passed via ... for the mock object to return them upon subsequent calls. Expressions are evaluated in environment `envir` before being returned. If no value is passed in ... then NULL is returned.

Passing an expression or a function call via ... is also a way to implement side effects: keep track of the state of code under testing, throw an exception when a condition is met, etc.

`mock_calls` and `mock_args` can be used to access the list of calls made on a mocked function and a respective list of values of arguments passed to each of these calls.

## Value

`mock()` returns a mocked function which can be then used with [with\\_mock](#).

`mock_args()` returns a list of lists of argument values.

`mock_calls()` returns a list of calls.

`length.mock()` returns the number of calls invoked on m.

## Examples

```
library(testthat)

m <- mock(1)
with_mock(summary = m, {
  expect_equal(summary(iris), 1)
  expect_called(m, 1)
  expect_call(m, 1, summary(iris))
  expect_args(m, 1, iris)
})

# multiple return values
m <- mock(1, "a", sqrt(3))
with_mock(summary = m, {
  expect_equal(summary(iris), 1)
  expect_equal(summary(iris), "a")
  expect_equal(summary(iris), 1.73, tolerance = .01)
})

# side effects
m <- mock(1, 2, stop("error"))
with_mock(summary = m, {
  expect_equal(summary(iris), 1)
  expect_equal(summary(iris), 2)
  expect_error(summary(iris), "error")
})

# accessing call expressions
m <- mock()
m(x = 1)
m(y = 2)
expect_equal(length(m), 2)
calls <- mock_calls(m)
expect_equal(calls[[1]], quote(m(x = 1)))
expect_equal(calls[[2]], quote(m(y = 2)))

# accessing values of arguments
m <- mock()
m(x = 1)
m(y = 2)
expect_equal(length(m), 2)
args <- mock_args(m)
expect_equal(args[[1]], list(x = 1))
expect_equal(args[[2]], list(y = 2))
```

**Description**

There are great tools for unit testing in R out there already but they don't come with a lot of support for mock objects. This package aims at fixing that.

**Examples**

```
library(mockery)

m <- mock(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE)

# this will make summary call our mock function rather than
# UseMethod; thus, summary() will return values as above
stub(summary, 'UseMethod', m)

summary(iris) # returns TRUE
summary(cars) # returns FALSE
summary(co2) # returns TRUE

## Not run:
library(testthat)

m <- mock(TRUE)
f <- function() read.csv('data.csv')

with_mock(read.csv = m, {
  f()
  expect_call(m, 1, read.csv('data.csv'))
})

## End(Not run)
```

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 stub

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*Replace a function with a stub.*


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**Description**

The result of calling `stub` is that, when `where` is invoked and when it internally makes a call to `what`, `how` is going to be called instead.

**Usage**

```
stub(where, what, how, depth = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>where</code>	Function to be called that will in turn call <code>what</code> .
<code>what</code>	Name of the function you want to stub out (a character string).
<code>how</code>	Replacement function (also a <code>mock</code> function) or a return value for which a function will be created automatically.
<code>depth</code>	Specifies the depth to which the function should be stubbed

## Details

This is much more limited in scope in comparison to `with_mock` which effectively replaces what everywhere. In other words, when using `with_mock` and regardless of the number of intermediate calls, `how` is always called instead of `what`. However, using this API, the replacement takes place only for a single function where and only for calls originating in that function.

## Examples

```
f <- function() TRUE
g <- function() f()
stub(g, 'f', FALSE)

# now g() returns FALSE because f() has been stubbed out
g()

# you can stub multiple functions by calling stub() multiple times
f <- function() TRUE
g <- function() TRUE
h <- function() any(f(), g())
stub(h, 'f', FALSE)
stub(h, 'g', FALSE)

# now h() returns FALSE because both f() and g() have been stubbed out
h()
```

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