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apsimr-package

Run, edit, visualize APSIM from R

Description

The **Agricultural Production Systems sIMulator** (APSIM) is a widely used simulator of agricultural systems. This package includes a few basic functions to create, edit and run APSIM simulations then visualize the results. An installation of APSIM is required for this package to be of any use. Assuming non-commercial use, APSIM can be downloaded for free from <http://www.apsim.info/Products/Downloads.aspx>.

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See <http://www.apsim.info/> for information about APSIM.

See Also

[APSIMBatch](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
exe <-"C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/Model/Apsim.exe"  
wd <- "../APSIM"  
results <- apsim(exe, wd, "Centro.apsim")  
plot(results)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

apsim

*Run APSIM simulations from R***Description**

This function will run APSIM from R. The only required input is the file path to the APSIM executable. It is assumed the current working directory contains the .apsim file(s) to be run. If that is not the case then the directory containing the .apsim file(s) to be run can be specified by wd. One can specify a list of .apsim files to be run within the directory wd using the files argument, otherwise all .apsim files within wd are run. The results for each .apsim file that is run is an element of the list that is returned. Each element of the list is of the class "apsim".

Usage

```
apsim(exe, wd = getwd(), files = NULL)
```

Arguments

exe	path to the APSIM executable
wd	working directory containing the .apsim files to be run
files	.apsim files to be run; if left empty all .apsim files in wd will be run

Value

list of output files; each element corresponds to an .apsim file

Examples

```
## Not run:
exe <- "C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/Model/Apsim.exe"
wd <- "~/APSIM"
to_run <- c("Centro.apsim", "Continuous Wheat.apsim")
results <- apsim(exe, wd, files = to_run)

## End(Not run)
```

edit_apsim

*Edit an APSIM simulation***Description**

The variables specified by var within the .apsim file specified by file in the working directory wd are edited. The old values are replaced with value, which is a list that has the same number of elements as the length of the vector var. The current .apsim file will be overwritten if overwrite is set to TRUE; otherwise the file *file-edited.apsim* will be created.

Usage

```
edit_apsim(file, wd = getwd(), var, value, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

file	file ending in .apsim to be edited
wd	directory containing the .apsim file to be edited; defaults to the current wd
var	vector of variables to be edited
value	list of new values for the specified variables
overwrite	logical; if TRUE the old file is overwritten, a new file is written otherwise

Value

character string containing the resulting XML content

Examples

```
## Not run:
#The file I want to edit is called "Canopy.apsim" which is in the directory "~/APSIM"
file <- "Canopy.apsim"
wd <- "~/APSIM"

#I want to change the Thickness of the Soilwater, the SoilCN of the SoilOrganicMatter and
#the state at which the simulation is being run.
var <- c("SoilWater/Thickness", "SoilOrganicMatter/SoilCN", "State")

#Change SoilWater-Thickness to 200,200,300x9
#Change SoilCN to 10
#Change "State" to "NSW"
value <- list(c(rep(200, 2), rep(300, 9)), 10, "NSW")

#Edit the apsim file without overwriting it
edit_apsim(file, wd, var, value, overwrite = FALSE)

#Run the edited simulation
exe <- "C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/Model/Apsim.exe"

results <- apsim(exe, wd, files = "Canopy-edited.apsim")

## End(Not run)
```

Description

APSIM uses .xml files to dictate how certain processes are carried out. Similar to `edit_apsim` this function edits a file that will be used in an APSIM simulation. Unlike `edit_apsim` this function edits the .xml simulation files. The variables specified by `var` within the .xml file specified by `file` in the working directory `wd` are edited. The old values are replaced with `value`, which is a list that has the same number of elements as the vector `var` is long. The current .xml file will be overwritten if `overwrite` is set to TRUE; otherwise the file `file-edited.xml` will be created.

Usage

```
edit_sim_file(file, wd = getwd(), var, value, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>file</code>	.xml module file to be edited
<code>wd</code>	directory containing the .xml file to be edited; defaults to the current wd
<code>var</code>	vector of variables to be edited
<code>value</code>	list of new values for the specified variables
<code>overwrite</code>	logical; if TRUE the old file is overwritten, a new file is written otherwise

Value

character string containing the resulting XML content

Examples

```
## Not run:
#The file I want to edit is called "Soil.xml" which is the the directory "~/APSIM"
file <- "Soil.xml"
wd <- "~/APSIM"

#I want to change the potential nitrification and N2O from nitrification
var <- c("nitrification_pot", "dnit_nitr_loss")

#Change both to absolute values of random N(0,1)
value <- list(abs(rnorm(1)), abs(rnorm(1)))

#Edit the apsim file without overwriting it
edit_sim_file(file, wd, var, value, overwrite = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

 example_apsim

Access example APSIM simulations

Description

There are quite a few standard APSIM simulations provided in the default APSIM installation. `apsim_expample` moves those example files into the working directory `wd` so you can run them or edit them using `apsim` and `edit_apsim`, respectively. Generally the example simulations must be moved because the output file is written to the directory containing the `.apsim` file and the ability to write in the "Program Files" folder is limited in most cases.

Usage

```
example_apsim(path, wd = getwd(), files = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>path</code>	path to the APSIM installation
<code>wd</code>	working directory containing the <code>.apsim</code> files to be copied; defaults to the current working directory
<code>files</code>	files to extract from the "Examples" folder
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to <code>file.copy</code>

Value

logical; if TRUE the corresponding file was successfully copied, FALSE otherwise

Examples

```
## Not run:
path <- "C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/"
wd <- "~/APSIM"
file <- "Canopy.apsim"
example_apsim(path = path, wd = wd, file) #TRUE

file <- c("Canopy.apsim", "Continuous Wheat.apsim")
example_apsim(path = path, wd = wd, file) #TRUE TRUE

exe <- "C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/Model/Apsim.exe"
results <- apsim(exe, wd, files = file)

## End(Not run)
```

`plot.apsim`*Visualize the results of an APSIM simulation*

Description

Similar to the `plot` for `lm` objects, `plot.apsim` will plot each response in the results of an APSIM simulation on its own `ggplot2` object. If the `one_plot` argument is set to `TRUE` then `facet_wrap` is used to plot all of the responses on one screen. Or only one response can be plotted by setting `y` to a column name in `x`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'apsim'  
plot(x, y = NULL, ask = TRUE, one_plot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	data frame of class "apsim" including the results of an APSIM simulation
<code>y</code>	variable to plot on y-axis; if left empty all variables will be plotted on separate plots
<code>ask</code>	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> , the user is asked before each plot, see <code>par(ask=.)</code>
<code>one_plot</code>	logical; if <code>TRUE</code> all variables are plotted on one faceted plot
<code>...</code>	additional arguments passed to <code>qplot</code>

Examples

```
## Not run:  
exe <- "C:/Program Files (x86)/Apsim76-r3376/Model/Apsim.exe"  
wd <- "~/APSIM"  
toRun <- c("Centro.apsim", "Continuous Wheat.apsim")  
results <- apsim(exe, wd, files = toRun)  
  
#Look at all of the results as a function of time in seperate plots  
plot(results[[2]])  
  
#Put all variables on one faceted plot  
plot(results[[2]], one_plot = TRUE) + theme_bw()  
  
#Plot just yield as a function of time  
plot(results[[2]], y = 'yield') + geom_line(colour = 'red') + theme_bw()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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