

# Package ‘sourcoise’

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It allows to quasi source() R scripts that gather data but can fail or consume too much time to respond even if nothing new is expected.

It comes with tools to check and execute on demand or when cache is invalid the script.

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set_sourcoise_root	<i>Force root</i>
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## Description

sourcoise() mechanism to find root of the project automatically can be bypassed. This function is equivalent to setting the `sourcoise.root` option, except for storage of cache at the level of the file. To allow thus behaviour, root should be set to NULL.

## Usage

```
set_sourcoise_root(root = NULL, quiet = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

root	(default NULL, character) path of the root
quiet	(default TRUE boolean) displays messages

## Value

root set (character)

## Examples

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
```

sourcoise

*sources R script and caches results on disk***Description**

sourcoise() is used as a drop in replacement for base::source() but caches results on disk. Cache is persistent over sessions.

**Usage**

```
sourcoise(
  path,
  args = list(),
  track = list(),
  lapse = getOption("sourcoise.lapse"),
  force_exec = getOption("sourcoise.force_exec"),
  prevent_exec = getOption("sourcoise.prevent_exec"),
  metadata = getOption("sourcoise.metadata"),
  wd = getOption("sourcoise.wd"),
  quiet = TRUE,
  inform = FALSE,
  priority = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

path	(character) path of the script to execute (see details).
args	(list) list of args that can be used in the script (in the form args\$xxx).
track	(list) list of files which modification triggers cache invalidation and script execution .
lapse	(character) duration over which cache is invalidated. Could be never (default) x hours, x days, x week, x months, x quarters, x years.
force_exec	(boolean) execute code, disregarding cache valid or invalid.
prevent_exec	(boolean) prevent execution, cache valid or not, returned previous cached data, possibly invalid.
metadata	(boolean) if TRUE sourcoise() returns a list with data is the \$data and various meta data (see details).
wd	(character) if project working directory for the execution of script will be the root of the project. If file then it will be the dir of the script (default) If qmd, then working dir will be the dir in which the calling qmd is. Current directory is restored after execution (successful or failed).
quiet	(boolean) mute messages and warnings from script execution.
inform	(boolean) Display logs on console, even if logging is disabled with threshold level "INFO".
priority	(integer) (default 10) can be used as a way to control the order of execution when refreshing data (see sourcoise_refresh())

## Details

`sourcoise()` looks like `base::source()`. However, there are some minor differences.

First, the script called in `sourcoise()` must end by a `return()` or by an object returned. Assignment made in the script won't be kept as `sourcoise()` is executed locally. Only explicitly reruned object will be returned. So `soucoise()` is used by assigning its result to something (`aa <- sourcoise("mon_script.r)` or `sourcoise() |> ggplot() ...`). Unless specified otherwise with `wd` parameter, the working directory for the script execution is (temporarily) set to the `dir` in which is the script. That allows for simple access to companion files and permit to move the script and companion files to another `dir` or project.

Second, an heuristic is applied to find the script, in the event the path given is incomplete. Whereas it is not advised and comes with a performance cost, this can be useful when there is a change in the structure of the project. The heuristic is simple, the script is searched inside the project `dir` and among all hits the closest to the caller is returned.

Third, if an error is triggered by the script, `sourcoise()` does not fail and return the error and a `NULL` return. However, if there is a (invalid or valid) cache, the cached data is returned allowing for the script to continue. In that case the error is logged.

Cache is invalidated when : 1 - a cache is not found 2 - the script has been modified 3 - tracked files have been modified 4 - last execution occurred a certain time ago and is considered as expired 5 - execution is forced

Whatever values takes `src_in`, if the file path starts with a `/`, then the source file will be interpreted from project root (if any). This is coherent with naming convention in `quarto`. Otherwise, the document path will be used firstly (if any, that is to say executed from `quarto`, rendering). Finally, working directory will be used. If everything fails, it will try to search in the project directory a corresponding file and will keep the closest from the calling point.

Usually the first call return and cache the results. Results can be any R object and are serialized and saved using `qs2`. Subsequent calls, supposing none of cache invalidation are true, are then very quick. No logging is used, data is fetched from the cache and that's it. For standard size data, used in a table or a graph (< 1Mb roughly), return timing is under 5ms.

`lapse` parameter is used for invalidation trigger 4. `lapse = "1 day"` ou `lapse="day"` for instance will trigger once a day the execution. `lapse = "3 days"` will do it every 72h. hours, weeks, months, quarters or years are understood time units. More complex calendar instructions could be added, but `sourcoise_refresh()` provides a solution more general and easy to adapt to any use case, as to my knowledge, there is no general mechanism to be warned of data updates.

`track` is the trigger #3. It is simply a list of files (following path convention defined by `scr_in`, so either script `dir` or project `dir` as reference). If the files in the list are changed then the execution is triggered. It is done with a hash and it is difficult to have a cross platform hash for excel files. Nevertheless, hash is done on text files with same results of different platforms.

## Value

data (list ou ce que le code retourne)

## Global options

In order to simplify usage and to avoid complex bugs, some parameters can be set only globally, through `options()`.

- `sourcoise.root` (character) force root, and bypass soucroise mechanism to find root. Useful when you want to execute `sourcoise` in a non-project context (see examples). `sourcoise.src_in` (character) if project stores the cache folder (`.sourcoise`) at the project root, if file, `.sourcoise` is stored at the calling point.
- `sourcoise.nocache` (boolean) no caching, so makes `sourcoise` less useful, can be used for testing purpose
- `sourcoise.log` (default "OFF") log threshold (see `logger::log_treshold()`).
- `sourcoise.grow_cache` (integer) (default 5 par défaut) cache limit in number of data file kept.
- `sourcoise.limit_mb` (integer) (default 50) individual cache data files size on disk limit. If above **no caching** occurs.

## Metadata

If `metadata=TRUE`, a list is returned, with some metadatas. Main ones are `$data`, the data returned, `$date`, execution date, `$timing` execution timing, `$size` of the R object in memory, `$data_file`, `$data_date` and `$file_size` documenting data file path, date size on disk and last modification date, parameters of the call (`$track`, `$wd`, `$src_in`, `$args` and so on).

`force_exec` and `prevent_exec` are parameters that force the script execution (trigger #5) of prevent it (so cache is returned or NULL if no cache). Those 2 parameters can be set for one specific execution, but they are intendend to a global setting through the option `sourcoise.force_exec` or `sourcoise.prevent_exec`.

If returned data after execution is not different than previously cached data, then no caching occurs in order to limit the disk use and to avoid keeping an history of the same data files. This implies the possibility of a difference between last execution date and last data modification date. If you are interested in the moment data was changed, then `$data_date` is to be preferred.

## Working with github

`sourcoise()` is designed to function with *github*. Cache information is specific to each user (avoiding conflicts) and cached data is named with the hash. Conflicts could occur in the rare case the same script is executed on different machines and that this script return each time a different result (such as a random generator).

## See Also

Other `sourcoise`: [sourcoise\\_clear\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_refresh\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_reset\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_status\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
# Force execution (root is set explicitly here, it is normally deduced from project)
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
```

```
# The second time cache is used
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R")

# Performance and mem test
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
bench::mark(
  forced = data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE),
  cached = data <- sourcoise("some_data.R"),
  max_iterations = 1)
```

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sourcoise_clear	<i>Cleans sourcoise cache</i>
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## Description

removes every json and qs2 files found by `sourcoise_status()` unless a specific tibble (filtered from `sourcoise_status()`) is passed as an argument.

## Usage

```
sourcoise_clear(
  what = sourcoise_status(root = root, prune = FALSE),
  root = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

what	(–) a tibble such as the one obtained by <code>sourcoise_status()</code> , possibly filtered
root	to force root, not recommended (expert use)

## Value

list of cleared files, plus a side-effect as specified cache files are deleted (no undo possible)

## See Also

Other sourcoise: [sourcoise\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_refresh\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_reset\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_status\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```

dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
# Force execution
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
# we then clear all caches
sourcoise_clear()
sourcoise_status()

```

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sourcoise_meta	<i>Returns sourcoise metadata on a script</i>
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**Description**

quick acces to metadata of the script, data is not fetched.

**Usage**

```
sourcoise_meta(path, args = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

path	(character) path of the script
args	(named list) arguments of the script if any

**Details**

- timing: time of full script execution
- date: date of last full execution
- size: size of objects returned (in R memory)
- args: args given to sourcoise for the script
- lapse: dely before reexecution
- track: list of files tracked
- qmd\_file: list of qmd calling this script
- log\_file: last log file
- file\_size: size of data cached on disk
- data\_date: date of last data save (if no new data when executed, no data is saved)
- data\_file: path to data cached (as a qs2 data file)
- file: path to the json file storing metadata (and .sourcoise dir)

**Value**

a named list with cache information

**Examples**

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
# Force execution (root is set explicitly here, it is normally deduced from project)
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
# Then we access metadata
sourcoise_meta("some_data.R")
```

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sourcoise_refresh	<i>Refresh sourcoise cache by executing sources selected</i>
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**Description**

All scripts (passed to `sourcoise_refresh()`) are executed with logging enabled.

**Usage**

```
sourcoise_refresh(
  what = NULL,
  force_exec = TRUE,
  unfreeze = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  init_fn = getOption("sourcoise.init_fn"),
  root = getOption("sourcoise.root"),
  log = "INFO",
  .progress = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>what</code>	(tibble) a tibble as generated by <code>sourcoise_status()</code> , possibly filtered, (default to <code>source_status()</code> )
<code>force_exec</code>	(boolean) (default FALSE) if TRUE code is executed, no matter what is cached
<code>unfreeze</code>	(boolean) (default TRUE) when possible, unfreeze and uncache .qmd files in a quarto project when data used by those .qmd has been refreshed
<code>quiet</code>	(boolean) (default FALSE) no message if TRUE
<code>init_fn</code>	(function) (default NULL) execute a function before sourcing to allow initialization

root	(default NULL) force root to be set, instead of letting the function finding the root, for advanced uses
log	(character) (default "INFO") log levels as in <code>logger::log_threshold()</code> (c("OFF", "INFO", ...)), comes with a small performance cost
.progress	(boolean) (default TRUE) displays a progression bar based on previous execution timings

## Details

The function returns the list of script executed but its main effect is a side-effect as scripts are executed and caches updates accordingly. Note also that log files reflect execution and track possible errors. Because of logging the execution comes with a loss in performance, which is not an issue if scripts are long to execute.

It is possible to execute `sourcoise_refresh()` without execution forcing (`force_exec=FALSE`) or with it. Forced execution means that the script is executed even if the cache is valid. In the case of non forced execution, execution is triggered by other cache invalidation tests (change in source file, lapse or tacked files).

When scripts are linked to qmds (i.e. when run in a quarto project), it is possible to unfreeze and uncache those qmds with the option `unfreeze=TRUE`. This allows to refresh the cache and then render the qmds using the new data.

It is possible to pass to refresh a function that will be executed before every script. This allows to load packages and declare global variables that can be used in each script. If packages are loaded inside the script, then this is not needed.

Parameters registered ins `sourcoise_status()` such as `wd` or `args` are used to execute the script.

Defining a priority in `sourcoise()`, will change the order of execution of refresh. This allows to execute first data that will be used then inside another script with `sourcoise()`. When a `sourcoise("something.r", force_exec=TRUE)` is run, inside calls to `sourcoise()` are *not* forced. `priority` is a crude way – yet efficient – to achieve a correct execution with up to date data. Of course, all calls to `sourcoise()` of the same script should set the same level of priority as the last executed will be kept, with no verification done, so left to the responsibility of the user.

## Value

a list of r scripts (characters) executed, with timing and success and a side effect on caches

## See Also

Other `sourcoise`: [sourcoise\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_clear\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_reset\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_status\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
# Force execution
```

```
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
# we then refresh all caches
sourcoise_refresh()
```

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sourcoise_reset	<i>Resets sourcoise</i>
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## Description

Removes all `.sourcoise` folders found under the project root.

## Usage

```
sourcoise_reset(root = NULL)
```

## Arguments

root	to force root (expert use)
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## Value

No return, effect is through removal of `.sourcoise` folders (this is a side effect, no undo possible)

## See Also

Other sourcoise: [sourcoise\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_clear\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_refresh\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_status\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
sourcoise_reset()
```

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sourcoise_status	<i>Cache status of sourcoise</i>
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## Description

Given the current project, `sourcoise_status()` collects all information about cache (could be project level, file level) and return a tibble with this data.

## Usage

```
sourcoise_status(quiet = TRUE, root = NULL, prune = TRUE, clean = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>quiet</code>	(boolean) (default TRUE) no messages during execution
<code>root</code>	(string) (default NULL) force root to a defined path, advanced and not recommended use
<code>prune</code>	(boolean) (default TRUE) clean up status to display only on relevant cache. However, does not clean other cache files.
<code>clean</code>	(boolean) (default FALSE) check if some data files have not json referring to them and cleans if any.

## Details

`sourcoise_status()` reflects what is on the disk (and results indeed from a scan of all cached files and their metadatas). So modifying the result of `sourcoise_status()` can produce complex bugs when it is passed to `sourcoise_refresh()` or `sourcoise_clean()`.

Data returned is:

- `src`: path to the source file (r script)
- `date`: last execution date
- `valid`: is cache valid ?
- `uid`: id of user
- `index`: index of cache
- `timing`: last execution timing
- `size`: size of the R object(s) returned
- `lapse`: periodic refresh trigger
- `wd`: wd setting for execution of r script
- `args`: arguments passed to R script
- `json_file`: path to the file keeping cache information
- `qmd_file`: list of path to qmd files calling this script (relevant only for quarto projects)
- `src_in`: localisation of cache option

- data\_file: path to data cached
- data\_date: date and time of last save of data
- log\_file: path to log file, if logging activated
- root: path to the project root, used as reference for all paths
- scr\_hash: hash of the source file
- track\_hash: hash of the tracked files, if any
- track: list of files tracked
- args\_hash: hash of arguments
- data\_hash: hash of data cached

**Value**

tibble of cached files (see details for structure)

**See Also**

Other sourcoise: [sourcoise\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_clear\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_refresh\(\)](#), [sourcoise\\_reset\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
dir <- tempdir()
set_sourcoise_root(dir)
fs::file_copy(
  fs::path_package("sourcoise", "some_data.R"),
  dir,
  overwrite = TRUE)
# Force execution
data <- sourcoise("some_data.R", force_exec = TRUE)
# status returns the cache status
sourcoise_status()
```

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