

# Package: pipeline (via r-universe)

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pipeline_attach	<i>Attach (and detach) the pipeline functions and configuration</i>
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## Description

These functions allow users to attach (and detach) the pipeline functions and scenario to the R search path which can be useful during development. They are attached as local:pipelinedev. Whether this is a good idea or not is to be determined.

## Usage

```
pipeline_attach(
  scenario = NULL,
  scenario_default = getOption("pipeline.scenario_default", "default"),
  pipeline_dir = ".",
  relative_config_file = getOption("pipeline.config_file", "config.R"),
  relative_function_dir = getOption("pipeline.function_dir", "R"),
  relative_output_dir = getOption("pipeline.output_dir", "output")
)

pipeline_detach()
```

## Arguments

**scenario** Configuration you wish to attach.  
If NULL, any configuration file (see config\_file) will be read in as is.  
Character input will be treated as configuration you wish to consider. In this case the configuration file will first be parsed looking for a named-list entry corresponding to the value of the scenario\_default argument. The chosen scenario is then layered on top of this default using `utils::modifyList()`.

**scenario\_default**  
The default scenario to consider.  
If config is not NULL, this represents the default scenario on which the specified scenarios are layered.

pipeline\_dir [character]  
 The directory you wish to run the the pipeline relative to.  
 relative\_config\_file [character]  
 The configuration file.  
 Must be a none-nested and given relative to pipeline\_dir.  
 relative\_function\_dir [character]  
 The directory to look for user defined pipeline functions.  
 Must be a none-nested and given relative to pipeline\_dir.  
 relative\_output\_dir [character]  
 The directory for output.  
 Must be a none-nested and given relative to pipeline\_dir.

**Value**

NULL (invisibly). Called only for side effects.

**Examples**

```

# generate a demo pipeline with a single scenario
dir <- pipeline_skeleton(tempfile())

## Not run:
# If we attach the 'default' scenario then both the CONFIG and the
# defined functions will be available to us.
pipeline_attach(scenario = "default", pipeline_dir = dir)
CONFIG
exists("load_dat") && is.function(load_dat)
pipeline_attach(scenario = "production", pipeline_dir = dir)
CONFIG
pipeline_detach()
exists("load_dat")

## End(Not run)

unlink(dir)

```

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pipeline\_run

*Run a pipeline*

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**Description**

pipeline\_run() manages the running of a user defined pipeline simplifying object caching and configuration management across different scenarios.

**Usage**

```

pipeline_run(
  x,
  ...,
  scenario = NULL,
  scenario_default = getOption("pipeline.scenario_default", "default"),
  pipeline_dir = ".",
  relative_config_file = getOption("pipeline.config_file", "config.R"),
  relative_function_dir = getOption("pipeline.function_dir", "R"),
  relative_output_dir = getOption("pipeline.output_dir", "output"),
  force = FALSE,
  saveRDS_args = list(),
  readRDS_args = list(),
  return = TRUE,
  gc = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	[expression] R Expression of pipeline assignments. Normally this will involve multiple assignments and will need to be embraced to represent a single expression.
<code>...</code>	Not currently used.
<code>scenario</code>	If NULL, any configuration file (see <code>config_file</code> ) will be read in as is. Character input will be treated as configurations you wish to loop over. In this case the configuration file will first be parsed looking for a named-list entry corresponding to the value of the <code>scenario_default</code> argument. The chosen scenarios are then layered on top of this default using <code>utils::modifyList()</code> .
<code>scenario_default</code>	[character] The default scenario to consider. If <code>scenario</code> is NULL this will represent the folder under the <code>output_dir</code> where file output and cached objects are stored. If <code>scenario</code> is not NULL, this represents the default scenario on which the specified scenarios are layered.
<code>pipeline_dir</code>	[character] The directory you wish to run the the pipeline relative to.
<code>relative_config_file</code>	[character] The configuration file. Must be a none-nested and given relative to <code>pipeline_dir</code> .
<code>relative_function_dir</code>	[character] The directory to look for user defined pipeline functions. Must be a none-nested and given relative to <code>pipeline_dir</code> .

relative_output_dir	[character] The directory for output. Must be a none-nested and given relative to pipeline_dir.
force	[bool] Do you want to force a run of the pipeline. If TRUE, then cached objects are removed and the pipeline is (re)run. If a character vector then the corresponding object(s) are removed from the cache and the pipeline is rerun.
saveRDS_args	[list] List of additional arguments passed to saveRDS(). This argument allows you to pass additional arguments to that function (e.g. list(compress = "zstd"))
readRDS_args	[list] List of additional arguments passed to readRDS().
return	[bool] Should the output be returned. Defaults to TRUE, but when running across multiple scenarios and with outputs that use a large amount of memory it can be useful to set FALSE. If FALSE, a successful run will return NULL invisibly.
gc	[bool] Should we force calls to gc() whilst running the pipeline. For pipeline's creating large objects, setting this to TRUE <i>may</i> help reduce memory consumption.

**Value**

A named list of outputs for each configuration.

**Examples**

```
# generate a demo pipeline with a single scenario
dir <- pipeline_skeleton(tempfile(), single = TRUE)

# Note the configuration file and the folder of R functions
list.files(dir, all.files = TRUE, recursive = TRUE, no.. = TRUE)

# Run the pipeline
out <- pipeline_run(
  {
    raw <- load_dat(CONFIG$in_csv)
    clean <- wrangle_dat(raw, CONFIG$rows)
    plot <- plot_dat(clean, CONFIG$out_plot)
  },
  pipeline_dir = dir
)

# output in a list
```

```
str(out$default$raw)
str(out$default$clean)
out$default$plot

unlink(dir)
```

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pipeline\_skeleton      *Create a demo pipeline*

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### **Description**

Sets up an example pipeline which can be used as the basis for your own.

### **Usage**

```
pipeline_skeleton(dir = "DemoPipeline", single = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

`dir`                    Directory you wish to create the pipeline in.  
`single`                 Whether the demo should use a single or multiple scenarios in the demo.

### **Value**

Absolute path of the created pipeline directory (invisibly).

### **Examples**

```
dir <- pipeline_skeleton(tempfile())

# Note the configuration file and the folder of R functions
list.files(dir, all.files = TRUE, recursive = TRUE, no.. = TRUE)

unlink(dir)
```

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