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check_spec_mode_engine_val

Error handling for unknown mode

Description

Checks that a given model, mode, engine combination have been registered.

Usage

```
check_spec_mode_engine_val(model, mode, eng, call = caller_env())
```

Arguments

model	Character of specific model
mode	Character of specific mode
eng	Character of specific engine
call	The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. <code>caller_env()</code> . The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the <code>call</code> argument of <code>abort()</code> for more information.

Value

An error

Examples

```
library(rlang)
tmp <- catch_cnd(check_spec_mode_engine_val("turtle", "partition", "vegan"))
```

Description

These functions read and write to the environment where the package stores information about model specifications.

Usage

```
get_model_env()

get_from_env(items)

set_env_val(name, value)
```

Arguments

items	A character string of objects in the model environment.
name	A single character value for a new symbol in the model environment.
value	A single value for a new value in the model environment.

Value

The modelenv environment

Examples

```
# Access the model data:
current_code <- get_model_env()
ls(envir = current_code)

get_from_env("models")
get_from_env("modes")

get_from_env("example")
set_env_val("example", 4)
get_from_env("example")
```

is_unsupervised_fit *Determine object is has class unsupervised_fit*

Description

Determine object is has class unsupervised_fit

Usage

```
is_unsupervised_fit(x)
```

Arguments

x an model fit object

Value

A single logical indicating input has class "unsupervised_fit"

See Also

[new_unsupervised_fit\(\)](#)

Examples

```
model_fit <- list(letters)

is_unsupervised_fit(model_fit)

model_fit <- new_unsupervised_fit(model_fit)

is_unsupervised_fit(model_fit)
```

is_unsupervised_spec *Determine object is has class unsupervised_spec*

Description

Determine object is has class unsupervised_spec

Usage

```
is_unsupervised_spec(x)
```

Arguments

x an model specification

Value

A single logical indicating input has class "unsupervised_spec"

See Also

[new_unsupervised_spec\(\)](#)

Examples

```
model_spec <- list(letters)
is_unsupervised_spec(model_spec)
model_spec <- new_unsupervised_spec(model_spec)
is_unsupervised_spec(model_spec)
```

`new_unsupervised_fit` *Give object unsupervised fit class*

Description

Give object unsupervised fit class

Usage

```
new_unsupervised_fit(x)
```

Arguments

x an model fit object

Value

x with added class "unsupervised_fit"

See Also

[is_unsupervised_fit\(\)](#)

Examples

```
model_fit <- list(letters)
model_fit <- new_unsupervised_fit(model_fit)
model_fit
```

new_unsupervised_spec *Give object unsupervised specification class*

Description

Give object unsupervised specification class

Usage

```
new_unsupervised_spec(x)
```

Arguments

x an model specification

Value

x with added class "unsupervised_spec"

See Also

[is_unsupervised_spec\(\)](#)

Examples

```
model_spec <- list(letters)
model_spec <- new_unsupervised_spec(model_spec)
model_spec
```

set_dependency *Register Dependency for Model*

Description

This function is used to register a mode for a model, engine, and mode combination.

Usage

```
set_dependency(model, mode, eng, pkg)

get_dependency(model)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").
eng	A single character string for the model engine.
pkg	An options character string for a package name.

Details

This function should for each package that needs to be added as a dependency. The mode needs to be set explicitly, and dependencies needs to be specified for each model, mode and eng combination.

Value

A tibble

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")
set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

set_dependency("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats", "base")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")$pkg

set_dependency("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats", "stats")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")$pkg

# Only unique packages are kept
set_dependency("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats", "stats")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")
get_dependency("shallow_learning_model")$pkg
```

set_encoding

Register Encoding Options for Model

Description

This function is used to register encoding information for a model, engine, and mode combination.

Usage

```
set_encoding(model, mode, eng, options)

get_encoding(model)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").
eng	A single character string for the model engine.
options	A list of options for engine-specific preprocessing encodings. See Details below.

Details

The list passed to options needs the following values:

- **predictor_indicators** describes whether and how to create indicator/dummy variables from factor predictors. There are three options: "none" (do not expand factor predictors), "traditional" (apply the standard `model.matrix()` encodings), and "one_hot" (create the complete set including the baseline level for all factors).
- **compute_intercept** controls whether `model.matrix()` should include the intercept in its formula. This affects more than the inclusion of an intercept column. With an intercept, `model.matrix()` computes dummy variables for all but one factor level. Without an intercept, `model.matrix()` computes a full set of indicators for the first factor variable, but an incomplete set for the remainder.
- **remove_intercept** removes the intercept column after `model.matrix()` is finished. This can be useful if the model function (e.g. `lm()`) automatically generates an intercept.
- **allow_sparse_x** specifies whether the model can accommodate a sparse representation for predictors during fitting and tuning.

Value

A tibble

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")
set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

set_encoding(
  model = "shallow_learning_model",
  mode = "partition",
  eng = "stats",
  options = list(
    predictor_indicators = "traditional",
    compute_intercept = TRUE,
    remove_intercept = TRUE,
    allow_sparse_x = FALSE
  )
)

get_encoding("shallow_learning_model")
get_encoding("shallow_learning_model")$value
```

set_fit	<i>Register Fit method for Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register a fit method for a model, engine, and mode combination.

Usage

```
set_fit(model, mode, eng, value)
```

```
get_fit(model)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").
eng	A single character string for the model engine.
value	A list of values, described in the Details.

Details

The list passed to value needs the following values:

- **interface** is a single character value that could be "formula", "data.frame", or "matrix". This defines the type of interface used by the underlying fit function (stats::lm, in this case). This helps the translation of the data to be in an appropriate format for the that function.
- **protect** is an optional list of function arguments that should not be changeable by the user. In this case, we probably don't want users to pass data values to these arguments (until the fit() function is called).
- **func** is the package and name of the function that will be called. If you are using a locally defined function, only fun is required.
- **defaults** is an optional list of arguments to the fit function that the user can change, but whose defaults can be set here. This isn't needed in this case, but is described later in this document.

Value

A tibble

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")
set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

set_fit(
  model = "shallow_learning_model",
```

```

mode = "partition",
eng = "stats",
value = list(
  interface = "formula",
  protect = c("formula", "data"),
  func = c(pkg = "stats", fun = "lm"),
  defaults = list()
)
)

get_fit("shallow_learning_model")
get_fit("shallow_learning_model")$value

```

set_model_arg	<i>Register Argument for Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register argument information for a model and engine combination.

Usage

```
set_model_arg(model, eng, exposed, original, func, has_submodel)
```

```
get_model_arg(model, eng)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
eng	A single character string for the model engine.
exposed	A single character string for the "harmonized" argument name that the modeling function exposes.
original	A single character string for the argument name that underlying model function uses.
func	A named character vector that describes how to call a function. func should have elements pkg and fun. The former is optional but is recommended and the latter is required. For example, c(pkg = "stats", fun = "lm") would be used to invoke the usual linear regression function. In some cases, it is helpful to use c(fun = "predict") when using a package's predict method.
has_submodel	A single logical for whether the argument can make predictions on multiple submodels at once.

Details

This function needs to be called once for each argument that you are exposing.

Value

A tibble

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")
set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

set_model_arg(
  model = "shallow_learning_model",
  eng = "stats",
  exposed = "method",
  original = "method",
  func = list(pkg = "stats", fun = "lm"),
  has_submodel = FALSE
)

get_model_arg("shallow_learning_model", "stats")
get_model_arg("shallow_learning_model", "stats")$func
```

set_model_engine	<i>Register Engine for Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register a mode for a model and mode combination.

Usage

```
set_model_engine(model, mode, eng)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").
eng	A single character string for the model engine.

Details

This function will error if called multiple times with the same arguments. As you should only have one unique model, mode, eng combination.

Value

NULL invisibly

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")

get_from_env("shallow_learning_model")

set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

get_from_env("shallow_learning_model")
```

set_model_mode	<i>Register Mode for Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register a mode for a model.

Usage

```
set_model_mode(model, mode)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").

Details

This function can be called multiple times without error. This becomes valuable when multiple packages adds the same mode to a model. Having both packages use `set_model_mode()` avoids having one package depend on the other.

Value

NULL invisibly

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")

get_from_env("shallow_learning_model_modes")

set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")

get_from_env("shallow_learning_model_modes")
```

set_new_model	<i>Register New Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register new types of models.

Usage

```
set_new_model(model)
```

Arguments

model A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).

Details

This function is available for users to add their own models or engines (in a package or otherwise) so that they can be accessed using packages that use modelenv.

Value

NULL invisibly

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
```

set_pred	<i>Register Prediction Method for Model</i>
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Description

This function is used to register prediction method information for a model, mode, and engine combination.

Usage

```
set_pred(model, mode, eng, type, value)
```

```
get_pred_type(model, type)
```

Arguments

model	A single character string for the model type (e.g. "k_means", etc).
mode	A single character string for the model mode (e.g. "partition").
eng	A single character string for the model engine.
type	A single character value for the type of prediction. Possible values are: cluster and raw.
value	A list of values, described in the Details.

Details

The list passed to value needs the following values:

- **pre** and **post** are optional functions that can preprocess the data being fed to the prediction code and to postprocess the raw output of the predictions. These won't be needed for this example, but a section below has examples of how these can be used when the model code is not easy to use. If the data being predicted has a simple type requirement, you can avoid using a **pre** function with the **args** below.
- **func** is the prediction function (in the same format as above). In many cases, packages have a predict method for their model's class but this is typically not exported. In this case (and the example below), it is simple enough to make a generic call to predict() with no associated package.
- **args** is a list of arguments to pass to the prediction function. These will most likely be wrapped in rlang::expr() so that they are not evaluated when defining the method. For mda, the code would be predict(object, newdata, type = "class"). What is actually given to the function is the model fit object, which includes a sub-object called fit() that houses the mda model object. If the data need to be a matrix or data frame, you could also use newdata = quote(as.data.frame(newdata)) or similar.

Value

A tibble

Examples

```
set_new_model("shallow_learning_model")
set_model_mode("shallow_learning_model", "partition")
set_model_engine("shallow_learning_model", "partition", "stats")

set_pred(
  model = "shallow_learning_model",
  eng = "stats",
  mode = "partition",
  type = "cluster",
  value = list(
    pre = NULL,
    post = NULL,
    func = c(fun = "predict"),
    args =
```

```
list(
  object = rlang::expr(object$fit),
  newdata = rlang::expr(new_data),
  type = "response"
)
)
)

get_pred_type("shallow_learning_model", "cluster")
get_pred_type("shallow_learning_model", "cluster")$value
```

stop_incompatible_mode

Error handling for incompatible modes

Description

Error handling for incompatible modes

Usage

```
stop_incompatible_mode(spec_modes, eng = NULL, model = NULL)
```

Arguments

spec_modes	Character vector of modes
eng	Character of specific engine
model	Character of specific model

Value

An error

Examples

```
library(rlang)
tmp <- catch_cnd(stop_incompatible_mode("partition"))
```

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