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Ambiorix	<i>Ambiorix</i>
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Description

Web server.

Value

An object of class `Ambiorix` from which one can add routes, routers, and run the application.

Public fields

`not_found` 404 Response, must be a handler function that accepts the request and the response, by default uses `response_404()`.

`is_running` Boolean indicating whether the server is running.

`error` 500 response when the route errors, must a handler function that accepts the request and the response, by default uses `response_500()`.

`on_stop` Callback function to run when the app stops, takes no argument.

Active bindings

`websocket` A handler function that accepts a websocket which overrides ambiorix internal websocket handling.

Methods

Public methods:

- `Ambiorix$new()`
- `Ambiorix$listen()`
- `Ambiorix$get()`
- `Ambiorix$put()`
- `Ambiorix$patch()`
- `Ambiorix$delete()`
- `Ambiorix$post()`
- `Ambiorix$all()`
- `Ambiorix$set_404()`

- `Ambiorix$static()`
- `Ambiorix$start()`
- `Ambiorix$receive()`
- `Ambiorix$serialiser()`
- `Ambiorix$stop()`
- `Ambiorix$print()`
- `Ambiorix$use()`
- `Ambiorix$clone()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$new(  
  host = getOption("ambiorix.host", "0.0.0.0"),  
  port = getOption("ambiorix.port", NULL),  
  log = getOption("ambiorix.logger", FALSE)  
)
```

Arguments:

host A string defining the host.

port Integer defining the port, defaults to `ambiorix.port` option: uses a random port if NULL.

log Whether to generate a log of events.

Details: Define the webserver.

Method listen():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$listen(port)
```

Arguments:

port Port number.

Details: Specifies the port to listen on.

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
app$listen(3000L)  
  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")  
})  
  
if(interactive())  
  app$start()
```

Method get():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$get(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: GET Method

Add routes to listen to.

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

Method put():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$put(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: PUT Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method patch():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$patch(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: PATCH Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method delete():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$delete(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.
handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response,
e.g.: `response()`.

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: DELETE Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method `post()`:

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$post(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response,
e.g.: `response()`.

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: POST Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method `all()`:

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$all(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response,
e.g.: `response()`.

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: All Methods

Add routes to listen to for all methods GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, and PATCH.

Method `set_404()`:

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$set_404(handler)
```

Arguments:

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response,
e.g.: `response()`.

Details: Sets the 404 page.

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()
```

```
app$set_404(function(req, res){  
  res$send("Nothing found here")  
})
```

```
app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

Method static():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$static(path, uri = "www")
```

Arguments:

path Local path to directory of assets.

uri URL path where the directory will be available.

Details: Static directories

Method start():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$start(auto_stop = TRUE, open = interactive())
```

Arguments:

auto_stop Whether to automatically stop the server when the function exits.

open Whether to open the app in the browser.

Details: Start the webserver.

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

Method receive():*Usage:*

```
Ambiorix$receive(name, handler)
```

Arguments:

name Name of message.

handler Function to run when message is received.

Details: Receive WebSocket Message

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

app$receive("hello", function(msg, ws){
  print(msg) # print msg received

  # send a message back
  ws$send("hello", "Hello back! (sent from R)")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

Method serialiser():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$serialiser(handler)
```

Arguments:

handler Function to use to serialise. This function should accept two arguments: the object to serialise and

Details: Define Serialiser

Examples:

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$serialiser(function(data, ...){
  jsonlite::toJSON(x, ..., pretty = TRUE)
})

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

Method stop():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$stop()
```

Details: Stop Stop the webserver.

Method print():

Usage:

```
Ambiorix$print()
```

Details: Print

Method use():*Usage:*

Ambiorix\$use(use)

Arguments:

use Either a router as returned by [Router](#) or a function to use as middleware. If a function is passed, it must accept two arguments (the request, and the response): this function will be executed every time the server receives a request. *Middleware may but does not have to return a response, unlike other methods such as get* Note that multiple routers and middlewares can be used.

Details: Use a router or middleware**Method clone():** The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

Ambiorix\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```

app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

app$on_stop <- function(){
  cat("Bye!\n")
}

if(interactive())
  app$start()

## -----
## Method `Ambiorix$listen`
## -----

app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$listen(3000L)

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()

## -----

```



```
## Method `Ambiorix$get`  
## -----  
  
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")  
})  
  
if(interactive())  
  app$start()  
  
## -----  
## Method `Ambiorix$set_404`  
## -----  
  
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
app$set_404(function(req, res){  
  res$send("Nothing found here")  
})  
  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")  
})  
  
if(interactive())  
  app$start()  
  
## -----  
## Method `Ambiorix$start`  
## -----  
  
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")  
})  
  
if(interactive())  
  app$start()  
  
## -----  
## Method `Ambiorix$receive`  
## -----  
  
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")  
})  
  
app$receive("hello", function(msg, ws){
```

```

print(msg) # print msg received

# send a message back
ws$send("hello", "Hello back! (sent from R)")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()

## -----
## Method `Ambiorix$serialiser`
## -----

app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$serialiser(function(data, ...){
  jsonlite::toJSON(x, ..., pretty = TRUE)
})

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Using {ambiorix}!")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()

```

create_dockerfile *Dockerfile*

Description

Create the dockerfile required to run the application. The dockerfile created will install packages from **RStudio Public Package Manager** which comes with pre-built binaries that much improve the speed of building of Dockerfiles.

Usage

```
create_dockerfile(port, host = "0.0.0.0")
```

Arguments

port, host Port and host to serve the application.

Details

Reads the DESCRIPTION file of the project to produce the Dockerfile.

Examples

```
## Not run: create_dockerfile()
```

forward

Forward Method

Description

Makes it such that the web server skips this method and uses the next one in line instead.

Usage

```
forward()
```

Value

An object of class forward.

Examples

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/next", function(req, res){
  forward()
})

app$get("/next", function(req, res){
  res$send("Hello")
})

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

import

Import Files

Description

Import all R-files in a directory.

Usage

```
import(...)
```

Arguments

... Directory from which to import .R or .r files.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL.

Examples

```
## Not run: import("views")
```

Logger

Logger

Description

Log events to `ambiorix.log`.

Details

The logger prepends every write with the current timestamp obtained with `Sys.time()`. Every write is a single line in the log.

Value

An object of class `Logger` that can be used to log events in an application.

Public fields

`run` Whether to actually log events to the file.

Methods**Public methods:**

- `Logger$new()`
- `Logger$write()`
- `Logger$log()`
- `Logger$print()`
- `Logger$clone()`

Method new():

Usage:

```
Logger$new(log = TRUE)
```

Arguments:

`log` Whether to log events, if FALSE the write method does not have any effect.

Details: Initialise

Method write():

Usage:

```
Logger$write(label, ...)
```

Arguments:

label Label of event to log.

... Any other text to write alongside.

Details: Write events to log file - deprecated

Method log():*Usage:*

```
Logger$log(label, ...)
```

Arguments:

label Label of event to log.

... Any other text to write alongside.

Details: Write events to log file

Method print():*Usage:*

```
Logger$print()
```

Details: Print the logger state

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
Logger$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

 new_log

Logger

Description

Returns a new logger using the log package.

Usage

```
new_log(prefix = ">", write = FALSE, file = "ambiorix.log", sep = "")
```

Arguments

prefix	String to prefix all log messages.
write	Whether to write the log to the file.
file	Name of the file to dump the logs to, only used if write is TRUE.
sep	Separator between prefix and other flags and messages.

Value

An R& of class `log::Logger`.

Examples

```
log <- new_log()
log$log("Hello world")
```

parsers

Parsers

Description

Collection of parsers to translate request data.

Usage

```
parse_multipart(req, ...)
parse_json(req, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>req</code>	The request object.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to the internal parsers.

Value

Returns the parsed value as a list.

Functions

- [parse_multipart\(\)](#): Parse multipart/form-data using `mime::parse_multipart()`.
- [parse_json\(\)](#): Parse multipart/form-data using `jsonlite::fromJSON()`.

responses

Plain Responses

Description

Plain HTTP Responses.

Usage

```
response(body, headers = list(`Content-Type` = "text/html"), status = 200L)
```

```
response_404(  
  body = "404: Not found",  
  headers = list(`Content-Type` = "text/html"),  
  status = 404L  
)
```

```
response_500(  
  body = "500: Server Error",  
  headers = list(`Content-Type` = "text/html"),  
  status = 500L  
)
```

Arguments

body	Body of response.
headers	HTTP headers.
status	Response status

Examples

```
app <- Ambiorix$new()  
  
# html  
app$get("/", function(req, res){  
  res$send("hello!")  
})  
  
# text  
app$get("/text", function(req, res){  
  res$text("hello!")  
})  
  
if(interactive())  
  app$start()
```

robject	<i>Data Object</i>
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Description

Treats a data element rendered in a response (`res$render`) as a data object and ultimately uses `dput()`.

Usage

```
robject(obj)
```

Arguments

`obj` R object to treat.

Details

For instance in a template, `x <- [% var %]` will not work with `res$render(data=list(var = "hello"))` because this will be replaced like `x <-hello` (missing quote): breaking the template. Using `robject` one would obtain `x <-"hello"`.

Router	<i>Router</i>
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Description

Web server.

Public fields

`error_500` response when the route errors, must be a handler function that accepts the request and the response, by default uses `response_500()`.

Methods**Public methods:**

- `Router$new()`
- `Router$get()`
- `Router$put()`
- `Router$patch()`
- `Router$delete()`
- `Router$post()`
- `Router$receive()`
- `Router$print()`

- Router\$routes()
- Router\$receivers()
- Router\$clone()

Method new():

Usage:

Router\$new(path)

Arguments:

path The base path of the router.

Details: Define the base route.

Method get():

Usage:

Router\$get(path, handler, error = NULL)

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: GET Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method put():

Usage:

Router\$put(path, handler, error = NULL)

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: PUT Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method patch():

Usage:

Router\$patch(path, handler, error = NULL)

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: PATCH Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method delete():

Usage:

```
Router$delete(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to, : defines a parameter.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: DELETE Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method post():

Usage:

```
Router$post(path, handler, error = NULL)
```

Arguments:

path Route to listen to.

handler Function that accepts the request and returns an object describing an httpuv response, e.g.: [response\(\)](#).

error Handler function to run on error.

Details: POST Method

Add routes to listen to.

Method receive():

Usage:

```
Router$receive(name, handler)
```

Arguments:

name Name of message.

handler Function to run when message is received.

Details: Receive Websocket Message

Method print():

Usage:

```
Router$print()
```

Details: Print

Method routes():

Usage:

```
Router$routes()
```

Details: Get the routes

Method receivers():

Usage:

```
Router$receivers()
```

Details: Get the receivers

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
Router$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
# log
logger <- new_log()
# router
# create router
router <- Router$new("/users")

router$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("List of users")
})

router$get("/:id", function(req, res){
  logger$log("Return user id:", req$params$id)
  res$send(req$params$id)
})

router$get("/:id/profile", function(req, res){
  msg <- sprintf("This is the profile of user #%"s", req$params$id)
  res$send(msg)
})

# core app
app <- Ambiorix$new()

app$get("/", function(req, res){
  res$send("Home!")
})

# mount the router
app$use(router)

if(interactive())
  app$start()
```

set_params	<i>Set Parameters</i>
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Description

Set the query's parameters.

Usage

```
set_params(path, route = NULL)
```

Arguments

path	Correspond's the the requests' PATH_INFO
route	See Route

Value

Parameter list

stop_all	<i>Stop</i>
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Description

Stop all servers.

Usage

```
stop_all()
```

websocket_client	<i>Websocket Client</i>
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Description

Handle ambiorix websocket client.

Usage

```
copy_websocket_client(path)
```

```
get_websocket_client()
```

Arguments

path Path to copy the file to.

Functions

- `copy_websocket_client` Copies the websocket client file, useful when ambiorix was not setup with the ambiorix generator.
- `get_websocket_client` Retrieves the full path to the local websocket client.

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