

# Package ‘QuickJSR’

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**Title** Interface for the 'QuickJS' Lightweight 'JavaScript' Engine

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**Description** An 'R' interface to the 'QuickJS' portable 'JavaScript' engine.  
The engine is bundled entirely within the package, requiring no external system dependencies beyond a 'C' compiler.

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<https://bellard.org/quickjs/>

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### Description

An interface to the QuickJS lightweight Javascript engine

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/andrjohns/QuickJSR>
- <https://bellard.org/quickjs/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/andrjohns/QuickJSR/issues>

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cxxflags	<i>cxxflags</i>
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### Description

Function for returning the C/C++ flags needed for compilation using the package's headers

### Usage

```
cxxflags(to_console = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

to\_console      Whether the result should be returned as a string

**Value**

Character string of CXX flags, or print flags to console and invisibly return NULL (for use in package Makevars or similar)

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JSContext	<i>JSContext object</i>
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**Description**

An initialised context within which to evaluate Javascript scripts or commands.

**Value**

A JSContext object containing an initialised JavaScript context for evaluating scripts/commands

**Methods****Public methods:**

- [JSContext\\$new\(\)](#)
- [JSContext\\$validate\(\)](#)
- [JSContext\\$source\(\)](#)
- [JSContext\\$call\(\)](#)
- [JSContext\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method new():** Creates a new JSContext instance and initialises the QuickJS runtime and evaluation context

*Usage:*

```
JSContext$new(stack_size = NULL, disable_stack_size_check = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

stack\_size An optional fixed value for the stack size (in bytes)

disable\_stack\_size\_check Disable fixed/automatic stack size allocation.

*Returns:* No return value, used internally to initialise the JSContext object

**Method validate():** Checks whether JS code string is valid code in the current context

*Usage:*

```
JSContext$validate(code_string)
```

*Arguments:*

code\_string The JS code to check

*Returns:* A boolean indicating whether code is valid

**Method** `source()`: Evaluate a provided JavaScript file or string within the initialised context. Note that this method should only be used for initialising functions or values within the context, no values are returned from this function. See the `$call()` method for returning values.

*Usage:*

```
JSContext$source(file = NULL, code = NULL)
```

*Arguments:*

`file` A path to the JavaScript file to load

`code` A single string of JavaScript to evaluate

*Returns:* No return value, called for side effects

**Method** `call()`: Call a specified function in the JavaScript context with the provided arguments.

*Usage:*

```
JSContext$call(function_name, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

`function_name` The function to be called

`...` The arguments to be passed to the function

*Returns:* The result of calling the specified function, the return type is mapped from JS to R using `jsonlite::fromJSON()`

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

*Usage:*

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

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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ldflags

*ldflags*

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## Description

Function for returning the flags needed for linking to the package

## Usage

```
ldflags(to_console = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

`to_console` Whether the result should be returned as a string

## Value

Character string of linker flags, or print flags to console and invisibly return NULL (for use in package `Makevars` or similar)

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`qjs_eval`*qjs\_eval*

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**Description**

Evaluate a single Javascript expression.

**Usage**

```
qjs_eval(eval_string)
```

**Arguments**

`eval_string`     A single string of the expression to evaluate

**Value**

The result of the provided expression, the return type is mapped from JS to R using `jsonlite::fromJSON()`

**Examples**

```
# Return the sum of two numbers:
qjs_eval("1 + 2")

# Concatenate strings:
qjs_eval("'1' + '2'")

# Create lists from objects:
qjs_eval("var t = {'a' : 1, 'b' : 2}; t")
```

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`quickjs_version`*Get the version of the bundled QuickJS library*

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**Description**

Get the version of the bundled QuickJS library

**Usage**

```
quickjs_version()
```

**Value**

Character string of the version of the bundled QuickJS library

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