

Package ‘errorist’

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Title Automatically Search Errors or Warnings

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Description Provides environment hooks that obtain errors and warnings which occur during the execution of code to automatically search for solutions.

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<https://r-pkg.thecoatlessprofessor.com/errorist/>

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enable_errorist	<i>Enable or Disable Errorist's Automatic Search</i>
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Description

Activates or disengages the automatic look up of error or warning codes in *R*.

Usage

```
enable_errorist(  
  error_search_func = getOption("errorist.warning", searcher::search_google),  
  warning_search_func = getOption("errorist.warning", searcher::search_google)  
)  
  
disable_errorist()
```

Arguments

error_search_func, warning_search_func

The search function from `searcher::searcher` that should be called when an error or warning occurs. By default, searches are routed through [Google](#).

Details

The `enable_errorist()` is automatically called on package start to inject handlers for warnings and errors. When the package is unloaded, `disable_errorist()` is called to remove warnings and errors. If you wish to disable warnings or error individually, please use either `disable_error_shim()` or `disable_warning_shim()`.

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See Also

[enable_error_shim\(\)](#), [enable_warning_shim\(\)](#), [disable_error_shim\(\)](#), [disable_warning_shim\(\)](#)

Examples

```
### Default search engine is Google  
  
# Enable automatic search  
# NB: This is done automatically on package load.  
enable_errorist()  
  
# Some code ...  
  
# Disable automatic search  
# NB: This is done automatically on package unload via "detach()"
```

```
disable_errorist()

#### Custom search engines

# Enable automatic search with custom search engines
# NB: This is done automatically on package load.
enable_errorist(error_search_func = searcher::search_bing,
                warning_search_func = searcher::search_duckduckgo)

# Some code ...

# Disable automatic search
# NB: This is done automatically on package unload via "detach()"
disable_errorist()
```

enable_warning_shim *Enable and Disable Warning or Error Capture*

Description

Add or remove a listener to top-level task callbacks that checks for whether a new warning or error occurs and then triggers a search browser.

Usage

```
enable_warning_shim(
  warning_search_func = getOption("errorist.warning", searcher::search_google)
)

disable_warning_shim()

enable_error_shim(
  error_search_func = getOption("errorist.error", searcher::search_google)
)

disable_error_shim()
```

Arguments

error_search_func, warning_search_func

The search function from `searcher::searcher` that should be called when an error or warning occurs. By default, searches are routed through **Google**.

Details

By default, both `enable_warning_shim()` and `enable_error_shim()` functions are automatically triggered when the `errorist` package is loaded.

Error Shim

The error shim uses *R*'s default handler for errors set by specifying a function for error in `options()`.

Warning Shim

For the warning shim, a top-level task callback added to the environment via `base::addTaskCallback()`. This causes the warning handler to fire each time a new function call occurs in *R* regardless of whether it triggers an error.

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See Also

[base::addTaskCallback\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Default setup
enable_warning_shim()

# Some code ...

# Remove the shim
disable_warning_shim()

# Specify a search function
enable_warning_shim(warning_search_func = searcher::search_google)

# Some code ...

# Remove the shim
disable_warning_shim()

# Enable only the error shim
enable_error_shim()

# Some code ...

# Remove the shim
disable_error_shim()

# Specify a search function
enable_error_shim(error_search_func = searcher::search_google)

# Some code ...

# Remove the shim
disable_error_shim()
```

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