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data_writer	<i>Data Writer</i>
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Description

A class responsible for the simulation data to disk.

Details

This class can be subclasses to provide advanced data writing to other data sources. This should also be subclassed if the winik and resource classes are subclasses, to write any additional fields to the data source.

Methods

`write()` Writes the winik and resources to disk.

Create a new data writer.

Public fields

`results_directory` The folder where the simulation resultst are written to

`winik_filename` The location where the winiks are written to

`resource_filename` The location where the resources are written to

Methods

Public methods:

- `data_writer$new()`
- `data_writer$write()`
- `data_writer$clone()`

Method `new()`: Creates a new data writer object that has optional paths for data files.

Usage:

```
data_writer$new(
  results_directory = "results",
  winik_filename = "winiks.csv",
  resource_filename = "resources.csv"
)
```

Arguments:

results_directory The directory where the results file is written to

winik_filename The name of the file for the winik data

resource_filename The name of the file for the resource data

Returns: A new winik object Writes a village's state to disk.

Method write(): Takes a state and the name of a village and writes the winiks and resources to disk

Usage:

```
data_writer$write(state, village_name)
```

Arguments:

state The village's village_state that's being written

village_name The name of the village. This is used to create the data directory

Returns: None

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

 model_data

R6 Class representing data that's external from resources and winiks

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Details

It contains a single variable, 'events' for when the data holds a list of events

Public fields

events Any events that need to be tracked

Methods**Public methods:**

- `model_data$new()`
- `model_data$clone()`

Method `new()`: Creates a new `model_data` object

Usage:

```
model_data$new()
```

Returns: A new model data object

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

resource

resource

Description

This is an object that represents a single resource.

Methods

`initialize()` Create a new resource

`as_table()` Represents the current state of the resource as a tibble

Creates a new resource.

Public fields

`name` The name of the resource

`quantity` The quantity of the resource that exists

Methods**Public methods:**

- `resource$new()`
- `resource$as_table()`
- `resource$clone()`

Method `new()`: Creates a new resource object

Usage:

```
resource$new(name = NA, quantity = 0)
```

Arguments:

name The name of the resource

quantity The quantity present Returns a data.frame representation of the resource

Method as_table():

Usage:

```
resource$as_table()
```

Returns: A data.frame of resources

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

resource_manager

Resource Manager

Description

This object manages all of the resources in a village.

Methods

initialize() Creates a new manager

get_resources() Gets all of the resources that the manager has

get_resource() Retrieves a resource from the manager

add_resource() Adds a resource to the manager

remove_resource() Removes a resource from the manager

get_resource_index() Retrieves the index of the resource

get_states() Returns a list of states

load() Loads a csv file of resources and adds them to the manager.

Public fields

resources A list of resource objects

resource_class The class used to represent resources Creates a new , empty, resource manager for a village.

Methods

Public methods:

- `resource_manager$new()`
- `resource_manager$get_resources()`
- `resource_manager$get_resource()`
- `resource_manager$add_resource()`
- `resource_manager$remove_resource()`
- `resource_manager$get_resource_index()`
- `resource_manager$get_states()`
- `resource_manager$load()`
- `resource_manager$clone()`

Method `new()`: Get a new instance of a resource_manager

Usage:

```
resource_manager$new(resource_class = villager::resource)
```

Arguments:

`resource_class` The class being used to describe the resources being managed Gets all of the managed resources

Method `get_resources()`:

Usage:

```
resource_manager$get_resources()
```

Returns: A list of resources Gets a resource given a resource name

Method `get_resource()`:

Usage:

```
resource_manager$get_resource(name)
```

Arguments:

`name` The name of the requested resource

Returns: A resource object Adds a resource to the manager.

Method `add_resource()`:

Usage:

```
resource_manager$add_resource(new_resource)
```

Arguments:

`new_resource` The resource to add

Returns: None Removes a resource from the manager

Method `remove_resource()`:

Usage:

```
resource_manager$remove_resource(name)
```

Arguments:

name The name of the resource being removed

Returns: None Returns the index of a resource in the internal resource list

Method `get_resource_index():`

Usage:

`resource_manager$get_resource_index(name)`

Arguments:

name The name of the resource being located

Returns: The index in the list, or R's default return value Returns a data.frame where each row is a resource.

Method `get_states():`

Usage:

`resource_manager$get_states()`

Details: Subclasses should not have to override this method because it takes all member variables into account

Returns: A single data.frame Loads a csv file of resources into the manager

Method `load():`

Usage:

`resource_manager$load(file_name)`

Arguments:

file_name The path to the csv file

Returns: None

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

Usage:

`resource_manager$clone(deep = FALSE)`

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

simulation

simulation

Description

Advances one or more villages through time

Methods

`run_model()` Runs the simulation

Creates a new Simulation instance

Public fields

`length` The total number of time steps that the simulation runs for
`villages` A list of villages that the simulator will run
`writer` An instance of a `data_writer` class for writing village data to disk

Methods**Public methods:**

- `simulation$new()`
- `simulation$run_model()`
- `simulation$clone()`

Method `new()`: Creates a new simulation object to control the experiment

Usage:

```
simulation$new(length, villages, writer = villager::data_writer$new())
```

Arguments:

`length` The number of steps the simulation takes
`villages` A list of villages that will be simulated
`writer` The data writer to be used with the villages
Runs the simulation

Method `run_model()`:

Usage:

```
simulation$run_model()
```

Returns: None

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

village

Village

Description

This is an object that represents the state of a village at a particular time.

Details

This class acts as a type of record that holds the values of the different village variables. This class can be subclassed to include more variables that aren't present.

Methods

initialize() Creates a new village
 propagate() Advances the village a single time step
 set_initial_state() Initializes the initial state of the village

Public fields

name An optional name for the village
 initial_condition A function that sets the initial state of the village
 current_state The village's current state
 previous_state The village's previous state
 models A list of functions or a single function that should be run at each timestep
 model_data Optional data that models may need
 winik_mgr The manager that handles all of the winiks
 resource_mgr The manager that handles all of the resources
 Initializes a village

Methods**Public methods:**

- [village\\$new\(\)](#)
- [village\\$propagate\(\)](#)
- [village\\$set_initial_state\(\)](#)
- [village\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new(): This method is meant to set the variables that are needed for a village to propagate through time.

Usage:

```
village$new(
  name,
  initial_condition,
  models = list(),
  winik_class = villager::winik,
  resource_class = villager::resource
)
```

Arguments:

name An optional name for the village
 initial_condition A function that gets called on the first time step
 models A list of functions or a single function that should be run at each time step
 winik_class The class that's being used to represent agents
 resource_class The class being used to describe the resources
 Propagates the village a single time step

Method propagate():

Usage:

```
village$propagate(current_step)
```

Arguments:

current_step The current time step

Details: This method is used to advance the village a single time step. It should NOT be used to set initial conditions. See the set_initial_state method.

Returns: None Runs the user defined function that sets the initial state of the village

Method set_initial_state(): Runs the initial condition model

Usage:

```
village$set_initial_state()
```

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

village_state

village_state

Description

This is an object that represents the state of a village at a particular time.

Details

This class acts as a type of record that holds the values of the different village variables. This class can be subclassed to include more variables that aren't present.

Methods

Creates a new State

Public fields

step The time step that the state is relevant to

winik_states A list of winik states

resource_states A list of resource states

Methods

Public methods:

- `village_state$new()`
- `village_state$clone()`

Method `new()`: Initializes all of the properties in the state to the ones passed in. This should be called by subclasses during initialization.

Usage:

```
village_state$new(
  step = 0,
  winik_states = vector(),
  resource_states = vector()
)
```

Arguments:

`step` The time step that the state is relevant to

`winik_states` A vector of tibbles representing the states of the winiks

`resource_states` A vector of tibbles representing the states of the resources

Details: When adding a new property, make sure to add it to the tibble representation.

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

winik

Winik

Description

This is an object that represents a villager (winik).

Details

This class acts as an abstraction for handling villager-level logic. It can take a number of functions that run at each timestep. It also has an associated

Methods

`as_table()` Represents the current state of the winik as a tibble

`get_age()` Returns age in terms of years

`get_gender()`

`get_days_sincelast_birth()` Get the number of days since the winik last gave birth

`initialize()` Create a new winik

`propagate()` Runs every day

Create a new winik

Public fields

identifier A unique identifier that can be used to identify and find the winik
 first_name The winik's first name
 last_name The winik's last name
 age The winik's age
 mother_id The identifier of the winik's mother
 father_id The identifier of the winik's father
 profession The winik's profession
 partner The identifier of the winik's partner
 gender The winik's gender
 alive A boolean flag that represents whether the villager is alive or dead
 children A list of children identifiers
 health A percentage value of the winik's current health

Methods**Public methods:**

- `winik$new()`
- `winik$is_alive()`
- `winik$get_days_since_last_birch()`
- `winik$add_child()`
- `winik$as_table()`
- `winik$clone()`

Method `new()`: Used to created new winik objects.

Usage:

```

winik$new(
  identifier = NA,
  first_name = NA,
  last_name = NA,
  age = 0,
  mother_id = NA,
  father_id = NA,
  partner = NA,
  children = vector(mode = "character"),
  gender = NA,
  profession = NA,
  alive = TRUE,
  health = 100
)

```

Arguments:

identifier The winik's identifier
 first_name The winik's first name

last_name The winik's last name
 age The age of the winik
 mother_id The identifier of the winik's mother
 father_id The identifier of the winik's father
 partner The identifier of the winik's partner
 children An ordered list of the children from this winik
 gender The gender of the winik
 profession The winik's profession
 alive Boolean whether the winik is alive or not
 health A percentage value of the winik's current health

Returns: A new winik object A function that returns true or false whether the villager dies This is run each day

Method is_alive():

Usage:

winik\$is_alive()

Returns: A boolean whether the winik is alive (true for yes) Gets the number of days from the last birth. This is also the age of the most recently born winik

Method get_days_since_last_birth():

Usage:

winik\$get_days_since_last_birth()

Returns: The number of days since last birth Connects a child to the winik. This method ensures that the 'children' vector is ordered.

Method add_child():

Usage:

winik\$add_child(child)

Arguments:

child The Winik object representing the child

Returns: None Returns a data.frame representation of the winik

Method as_table(): I hope there's a more scalable way to do this in R; Adding every new attribute to this function isn't practical

Usage:

winik\$as_table()

Details: The village_state holds a copy of all of the villagers at each timestep; this method is used to turn the winik properties into the object inserted in the village_state.

Returns: A data.frame representation of the winik

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

Usage:

winik\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

winik_manager

*Winik Manager***Description**

A class that abstracts the management of aggregations of Winik classes. Each village should have an instance of a winik_manager to interface the winiks inside.

Methods

add_winik() Adds a single winik to the manager.
 get_average_age() Returns the average age, in years, of all the winiks.
 get_living_winiks() Gets a list of all the winiks that are currently alive.
 get_states() Returns a data.frame consisting of all of the managed winiks.
 get_winik() Retrieves a particular winik from the manager.
 get_winik_index() Retrieves the index of a winik.
 initialize() Creates a new manager instance.
 load() Loads a csv file defining a population of winiks and places them in the manager.
 remove_winik() Removes a winik from the manager
 Creates a new winik manager instance.

Public fields

winiks A list of winiks objects that the winik manager manages.
 winik_class A class describing winiks. This is usually the default villager supplied 'winik' class

Methods**Public methods:**

- winik_manager\$new()
- winik_manager\$get_winik()
- winik_manager\$get_living_winiks()
- winik_manager\$add_winik()
- winik_manager\$remove_winik()
- winik_manager\$get_states()
- winik_manager\$get_winik_index()
- winik_manager\$connect_winiks()
- winik_manager\$get_living_population()
- winik_manager\$get_average_age()
- winik_manager\$add_children()
- winik_manager\$load()
- winik_manager\$clone()

Method new():

Usage:

```
winik_manager$new(winik_class = villager::winik)
```

Arguments:

`winik_class` The class that's being used to represent agents being managed Given the identifier of a winik, sort through all of the managed winiks and return it if it exists.

Method get_winik(): Return the R6 instance of a winik with identifier 'winik_identifier'.

Usage:

```
winik_manager$get_winik(winik_identifier)
```

Arguments:

`winik_identifier` The identifier of the requested winik.

Returns: An R6 winik object Returns a list of all the winiks that are currently alive.

Method get_living_winiks():

Usage:

```
winik_manager$get_living_winiks()
```

Returns: A list of living winiks Adds a winik to the manager.

Method add_winik():

Usage:

```
winik_manager$add_winik(new_winik)
```

Arguments:

`new_winik` The winik to add to the manager

Returns: None Removes a winik from the manager

Method remove_winik():

Usage:

```
winik_manager$remove_winik(winik_identifier)
```

Arguments:

`winik_identifier` The identifier of the winik being removed

Returns: None Returns a data.frame of winiks

Method get_states():

Usage:

```
winik_manager$get_states()
```

Details: Each row of the data.frame represents a winik object

Returns: A single data.frame of all winiks Returns the index of a winik in the internal winik list

Method get_winik_index():

Usage:

winik_manager\$get_winik_index(winik_identifier)

Arguments:

winik_identifier The identifier of the winik being located

Returns: The index in the list, or R's default return value Connects two winiks together as mates

Method connect_winiks():

Usage:

winik_manager\$connect_winiks(winik_a, winik_b)

Arguments:

winik_a A winik that will be connected to winik_b

winik_b A winik that will be connected to winik_a Returns the total number of winiks that are alive

Method get_living_population():

Usage:

winik_manager\$get_living_population()

Returns: The number of living winiks Returns the average age, in years, of all of the winiks

Method get_average_age():

Usage:

winik_manager\$get_average_age()

Details: This is an *example* of the kind of logic that the manager might handle. In this case, the manager is performing calculations about its aggregation (winiks). Note that the 364 days needs to work better

Returns: The average age in years Takes all of the winiks in the manager and reconstructs the children

Method add_children():

Usage:

winik_manager\$add_children()

Details: This is typically called when loading winiks from disk for the first time. When children are created during the simulation, the family connections are made through the winik class and added to the manager via add_winik.

Returns: None Loads winiks from disk.

Method load():

Usage:

winik_manager\$load(file_name)

Arguments:

file_name The location of the file holding the winiks.

Details: Populates the winik manager with a set of winiks defined in a csv file.

Returns: None

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

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