

# Package ‘Rcollectl’

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**Title** Help use collectl with R in Linux, to measure resource consumption in R processes

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**Description** Provide functions to obtain instrumentation data on processes in a unix environment. Parse output of a collectl run. Vizualize aspects of system usage over time, with annotation.

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| browse_units | <i>browse a page defining units of collectl reporting</i> |
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### Description

browse a page defining units of collectl reporting

### Usage

```
browse_units(...)
```

### Arguments

... passed to [browseURL](#)

### Value

side effect is running browseURL

### Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  browse_units()
}
```

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|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| cl_exists | <i>check for collectl availability</i> |
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### Description

check for collectl availability

### Usage

```
cl_exists()
```

**Value**

logical(1)

**Examples**

```
cl_exists()
```

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|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| cl_parse | <i>parse a collectl output – could be conditional on discovered call</i> |
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**Description**

parse a collectl output – could be conditional on discovered call

**Usage**

```
cl_parse(path, tz = "EST", rescale_mem = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                         |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| path        | character(1) path to (possibly gzipped) collectl output |
| tz          | character(1) POSIXct time zone code, defaults to "EST"  |
| rescale_mem | logical(1) if TRUE, divide reported MEM_Used by 1000    |

**Value**

a data.frame

**Note**

A lubridate datetime is added as a column. The test file `demo_1123.tab.gz` is a collectl-generated report for a session ranging over 10 minutes, analyzing RNA-seq data on a multicore machine.

**Examples**

```
lk = cl_parse(system.file("demotab/demo_1123.tab.gz", package="Rcollectl"))  
head(lk)
```

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|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| cl_result_path | <i>get full path to collectl report</i> |
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**Description**

get full path to collectl report

**Usage**

```
cl_result_path(proc)
```

**Arguments**

proc                    an entity inheriting from "Rcollectl\_process" S3 class

**Value**

character(1) path to report

**Examples**

```
example(cl_start)
```

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|----------|-----------------------------------|
| cl_start | <i>start collectl if possible</i> |
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**Description**

start collectl if possible

**Usage**

```
cl_start(target = tempfile())
```

**Arguments**

target                    character(1) path; destination of collectl report

**Value**

instance of Rcollectl\_process with components process (a processx R6 instance) and target (a file path where collectl results will be written)

**Examples**

```

if (cl_exists()) {
  zz = cl_start()
  Sys.sleep(2)
  print(zz)
  Sys.sleep(2)
  print(cl_result_path(zz))
  cl_stop(zz)
  Sys.sleep(2)
  zz$process$is_alive()
}

```

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|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| cl_stop | <i>stop collectl via processx interrupt</i> |
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**Description**

stop collectl via processx interrupt

**Usage**

```
cl_stop(proc)
```

**Arguments**

proc                      an entity inheriting from "Rcollectl\_process" S3 class

**Value**

invisibly returns the input

**Examples**

```
example(cl_start)
```

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| cl_timestamp | <i>Functions to add time stamps to collectl output</i> |
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**Description**

Functions to add time stamps to collectl output

**Usage**

```
cl_timestamp(proc, step)
```

```
cl_timestamp_layer(arg)
```

```
cl_timestamp_label(arg, tz = "EST")
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                                                          |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| proc | an entity inheriting from "Rcollectl_process" S3 class                                   |
| step | character(1) name of step within a workflow                                              |
| arg  | proc (an entity inheriting from "Rcollectl_process" S3 class) or path to collectl output |
| tz   | character(1) time zone code                                                              |

**Value**

cl\_timestamp() returns a tab delimited text file

cl\_timestamp\_layer() and cl\_timestamp\_label() return objects that can be combined with ggplot.

**Examples**

```
id <- cl_start()
Sys.sleep(2)
cl_timestamp(id, "step1")
Sys.sleep(2)
Sys.sleep(2)
cl_timestamp(id, "step2")
Sys.sleep(2)
Sys.sleep(2)
cl_timestamp(id, "step3")
Sys.sleep(2)
cl_stop(id)
path <- cl_result_path(id)
plot_usage(cl_parse(path)) +
  cl_timestamp_layer(path) +
  cl_timestamp_label(path) +
  ggplot2::theme(axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0.5, hjust=1))
```

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plot\_usage

*elementary display of usage data from collectl*


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**Description**

elementary display of usage data from collectl

**Usage**

```
plot_usage(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| x | output of cl_parse |
|---|--------------------|

**Value**

ggplot with geom\_point and facet\_grid

### Examples

```
lk = cl_parse(system.file("demotab/demo_1123.tab.gz", package="Rcollectl"))
plot_usage(lk)
```

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```
print.Rcollectl_process
```

*print method for Rcollectl process*

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### Description

print method for Rcollectl process

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Rcollectl_process'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

|     |                                                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | an entity inheriting from "Rcollectl_process" S3 class |
| ... | not used                                               |

### Value

invisibly returns the input

### Examples

```
example(cl_start)
```

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