

Package ‘orcv’

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Title Async Communicating Event Receiver

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Description Self-contained package that creates an event queue which can be responded to with long-running connections.

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receive	<i>Receive external orcv communications</i>
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Description

If `x` is missing, blocking pops the oldest `Message` object from the communication queue as created by `start`. An open connection with the sender may be maintained if `keep_conn` is set to `TRUE`. Alternatively, if an existing connection as given by a `FD` object is passed as `x`, then the file descriptor is listened on. S3 method dispatching on `x`.

Usage

```
receive(x, keep_conn = FALSE, simplify = TRUE, ...)  
receive.FD(x, keep_conn=FALSE, simplify=TRUE,...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Optional file descriptor or other S3 class. Reads from background communication queue if missing.
<code>keep_conn</code>	Logical whether to maintain or close the connection.
<code>simplify</code>	Simplify Message output.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to methods.

Value

If from the message queue, a Message, composed of components:

```
header
payload
location
fd
```

Arbitrary otherwise.

See Also

[send](#), [start](#)

Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (x, keep_conn = FALSE, simplify = TRUE, ...)
{
  stopifnot (ORCV_GLOBAL$STARTED)
  if (missing(x)) {
    next_msg <- .Call(C_next_message)
    if (is.null(next_msg))
      stop("receive error")
    msg <- as.Message(next_msg)
    cat(sprintf("Opening message with header \"%s\"\n", header(msg)))
    if (!keep_conn) {
      close(msg)
      fd(msg) <- as.FD(-1L)
    }
    if (!simplify)
      msg <- list(msg)
    invisible(msg)
  }
  else UseMethod("receive", x)
}
```

send	<i>Send an R object to a remote location</i>
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Description

S3 generic to send an R object to a location that may be method-defined. Message objects encapsulate a payload along with an address, but other classes require a destination as the *x* argument, either through a FD class, or as a character hostname.

Usage

```
send(x, ...)  
send.Message(x, header, payload=NULL, keep_conn=FALSE, ...)  
send.FD(x, header, payload=NULL, keep_conn=FALSE, ...)  
send.character(x, port, header, payload=NULL, keep_conn=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

<i>x</i>	Destination, or object encapsulating one, serving as S3 dispatch.
<i>...</i>	Passed on to further methods.

Value

Typically a File Descriptor of the connection if successful. `-1L` if connection is not kept.

See Also

[send](#), [start](#)

Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----  
##-- ==> Define data, use random,  
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.  
  
## The function is currently defined as  
function (x, ...)  
{  
  stopifnot (ORCV_GLOBAL$STARTED)  
  stopifnot (length(x) > 0)  
  UseMethod("send", x)  
}
```

<code>start</code>	<i>Begin Communication Node</i>
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Description

This function starts a communication node at the machine on which it is run. The communication node exists as a message queue running on a separate thread. Received messages are stored in a local queue and may be retrieved via the `receive` function.

Usage

```
start(address = NULL, port = 0L, threads = getOption("orcv.cores", 4L))
```

Arguments

<code>address</code>	A character address for the communication node to be reachable by. Leave NULL for localhost.
<code>port</code>	Integer port to bind to.
<code>threads</code>	Number of threads made available to the listening queue. Controlled by the "orcv.cores" option.

Value

An invisible 0L if no error.

See Also

`receive`, `send`

Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (address = NULL, port = 0L, threads = getOption("orcv.cores",
  4L))
{
  stopifnot(is.character(address) || is.null(address))
  res <- .Call(C_start, address, as.integer(port), as.integer(threads))
  ORCV_GLOBAL$STARTED <- TRUE
  invisible(res)
}
```

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