

# Package ‘proffer’

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**Description** Like similar profiling tools, the 'proffer' package automatically detects sources of slowness in R code. The distinguishing feature of 'proffer' is its utilization of 'pprof', which supplies interactive visualizations that are efficient and easy to interpret. Behind the scenes, the 'profile' package converts native Rprof() data to a protocol buffer that 'pprof' understands. For the documentation of 'proffer', visit <https://r-prof.github.io/proffer/>. To learn about the implementations and methodologies of 'pprof', 'profile', and protocol buffers, visit <https://github.com/google/pprof>, <https://protobuf.dev>, and <https://github.com/r-prof/profile>, respectively.

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proffer-package	<i>proffer: profile R code with pprof</i>
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## Description

It can be challenging to find sources of slowness in large workflows, and the proffer package can help. Proffer runs R code and displays summaries to show where the code is slowest. Proffer leverages the pprof utility to create highly efficient, clear, easy-to-read interactive displays that help users find ways to reduce runtime. The package also contains helpers to convert profiling data to and from pprof format and visualize existing profiling data files. For documentation, visit <https://r-prof.github.io/proffer/>.

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## References

<https://github.com/r-prof/proffer>

**Examples**

```
# TBD
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
# Start a pprof virtual server in the background.
px <- pprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
# Terminate the server.
px$kill()
}
```

pprof

*Profile R code and visualize with pprof.***Description**

Run R code and display profiling results in a local interactive pprof server. Results are collected with `record_pprof()`.

**Usage**

```
pprof(
  expr,
  host = "localhost",
  port = proffer::random_port(),
  browse = interactive(),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>expr</code>	R code to run and profile.
<code>host</code>	Host name. Set to "localhost" to view locally or "0.0.0.0" to view from another machine. If you view from another machine, the printed out URL will not be valid. For example, if <code>pprof()</code> or <code>serve_pprof()</code> prints "http://0.0.0.0:8080", then you need to replace 0.0.0.0 with your computer's name or IP address, e.g. "http://my_computer.com:8080".
<code>port</code>	Port number for hosting the local pprof server. Chosen randomly by default.
<code>browse</code>	Logical, whether to open a browser to view the pprof server.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, whether to print console messages such as the URL of the local pprof server.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed on to <code>Rprof()</code> via <code>record_pprof()</code> .

**Value**

A `processx::process$new()` handle. Use this handle to take down the server with `$kill()`.

**Examples**

```

if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Start a pprof virtual server in the background.
  px <- pprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
  # Terminate the server.
  px$kill()
}

```

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pprof_sitrep	<i>Verify pprof installation</i>
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**Description**

Check if pprof and its dependencies are installed.

**Usage**

```
pprof_sitrep()
```

**Examples**

```
pprof_sitrep()
```

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random_port	<i>Choose a random free TCP port.</i>
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**Description**

Choose a random free TCP port.

**Usage**

```
random_port(lower = 49152L, upper = 65535L)
```

**Arguments**

lower	Integer of length 1, lower bound of the port number.
upper	Integer of length 1, upper bound of the port number.

**Details**

This function is a simple wrapper around `parallelly::freePort()` with the default port range covering ephemeral ports only.

**Value**

Port number, positive integer of length 1.

**Examples**

```
random_port()
```

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record_pprof	<i>Profile R code and record pprof samples.</i>
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**Description**

Run R code and record pprof samples. Profiles are recorded with [record\\_rprof\(\)](#) and then converted with [to\\_pprof\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
record_pprof(expr, pprof = tempfile(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

expr	An R expression to profile.
pprof	Path to a file with pprof samples. Also returned from the function.
...	Additional arguments passed on to <a href="#">Rprof()</a> via <a href="#">record_rprof()</a> .

**Value**

Path to a file with pprof samples.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Returns a path to pprof samples.
  record_pprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
}
```

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record_rprof	<i>Profile R code and record Rprof samples.</i>
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**Description**

Run R code and record Rprof samples.

**Usage**

```
record_rprof(expr, rprof = tempfile(), ...)
```

**Arguments**

`expr` An R expression to profile.  
`rprof` Path to a file with Rprof samples. Also returned from the function.  
`...` Additional arguments passed on to `Rprof()`.

**Value**

Path to a file with Rprof samples.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  # Returns a path to Rprof samples.
  record_rprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
}
```

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<code>serve_pprof</code>	<i>Visualize profiling data with pprof.</i>
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**Description**

Visualize profiling data with pprof.

**Usage**

```
serve_pprof(
  pprof,
  host = "localhost",
  port = proffer::random_port(),
  browse = interactive(),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

`pprof` Path to pprof samples.  
`host` Host name. Set to "localhost" to view locally or "0.0.0.0" to view from another machine. If you view from another machine, the printed out URL will not be valid. For example, if `pprof()` or `serve_pprof()` prints "http://0.0.0.0:8080", then you need to replace 0.0.0.0 with your computer's name or IP address, e.g. "http://my\_computer.com:8080".  
`port` Port number for hosting the local pprof server. Chosen randomly by default.  
`browse` Logical, whether to open a browser to view the pprof server.  
`verbose` Logical, whether to print console messages such as the URL of the local pprof server.

**Details**

Uses a local interactive server. Navigate a browser to a URL in the message. The server starts in a background process

**Value**

A `processx::process$new()` handle. Use this handle to take down the server with `$kill()`.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  pprof <- record_pprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
  # Start a pprof virtual server in the background.
  px <- serve_pprof(pprof)
  # Terminate the server.
  px$kill()
}
```

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 serve\_rprof

*Visualize Rprof() output with pprof.*


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**Description**

Use `pprof` to visualize profiling data produced by `Rprof()` or `record_rprof()`.

**Usage**

```
serve_rprof(
  rprof,
  host = "localhost",
  port = proffer::random_port(),
  browse = interactive(),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>rprof</code>	Path to profiling samples generated by <code>Rprof()</code> or <code>record_rprof()</code> .
<code>host</code>	Host name. Set to <code>"localhost"</code> to view locally or <code>"0.0.0.0"</code> to view from another machine. If you view from another machine, the printed out URL will not be valid. For example, if <code>pprof()</code> or <code>serve_pprof()</code> prints <code>"http://0.0.0.0:8080"</code> , then you need to replace <code>0.0.0.0</code> with your computer's name or IP address, e.g. <code>"http://my_computer.com:8080"</code> .
<code>port</code>	Port number for hosting the local <code>pprof</code> server. Chosen randomly by default.
<code>browse</code>	Logical, whether to open a browser to view the <code>pprof</code> server.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, whether to print console messages such as the URL of the local <code>pprof</code> server.

**Details**

Uses a local interactive server. Navigate a browser to a URL in the message. The server starts in a background process

**Value**

A `processx::process$new()` handle. Use this handle to take down the server with `$kill()`.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {
  rprof <- record_rprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))
  # Start a pprof virtual server in the background.
  px <- serve_rprof(rprof)
  # Terminate the server.
  px$kill()
}
```

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test\_pprof

*Test pprof()*


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**Description**

Do a test run of `pprof()` to verify that the system dependencies like `pprof` work as expected.

**Usage**

```
test_pprof(
  host = "localhost",
  port = proffer::random_port(),
  browse = interactive(),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

host	Host name. Set to "localhost" to view locally or "0.0.0.0" to view from another machine. If you view from another machine, the printed out URL will not be valid. For example, if <code>pprof()</code> or <code>serve_pprof()</code> prints "http://0.0.0.0:8080", then you need to replace 0.0.0.0 with your computer's name or IP address, e.g. "http://my_computer.com:8080".
port	Port number for hosting the local pprof server. Chosen randomly by default.
browse	Logical, whether to open a browser to view the pprof server.
verbose	Logical, whether to print console messages such as the URL of the local pprof server.



## Details

See <https://github.com/r-prof/proffer#installation> for setup instructions.

## See Also

[pprof\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {  
  test_pprof()  
}
```

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to\_pprof

*Convert Rprof samples to pprof format.*

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## Description

Convert Rprof samples to pprof format.

## Usage

```
to_pprof(rprof, pprof = tempfile())
```

## Arguments

rprof	Path to Rprof samples.
pprof	Path to pprof samples.

## Value

Path to pprof samples.

## Examples

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {  
  rprof <- record_rprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))  
  to_pprof(rprof)  
}
```

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to_rprof	<i>Convert pprof samples to Rprof format.</i>
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**Description**

Convert pprof samples to Rprof format.

**Usage**

```
to_rprof(pprof, rprof = tempfile())
```

**Arguments**

pprof	Path to pprof samples.
rprof	Path to Rprof samples.

**Value**

Path to pprof samples.

**Examples**

```
if (identical(Sys.getenv("PROFFER_EXAMPLES"), "true")) {  
  pprof <- record_pprof(replicate(1e2, sample.int(1e4)))  
  to_rprof(pprof)  
}
```

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