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Description

This package provides access to the Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) Requester API. The package provides users of the MTurk Requester User Interface with access to a variety of functions currently unavailable to them (the creation and maintenance of worker Qualifications, email notifications to workers through [ContactWorker](#), automated reviewing of assignments using Review Policies, and streamlined bonus payments through [GrantBonus](#)). It also provides users with all functions available in the RUI directly in R as well as a large number of other functions, and a simple, interactive command-line tool for performing many operations.

Most users will find themselves using three principal functions: [CreateHIT](#), [GetAssignments](#), and [ApproveAssignments](#), to create one or more HITs on the MTurk server, to retrieve completed assignments, and to approve assignments (and thus pay workers), respectively. As task complexity increases, additional functions are provided to handle worker qualifications, bonuses, emails to workers, automated review policies, bulk creation of HITs, and so forth.

Critically important, nothing in pyMTurkR will work during a given session without either first setting AWS credentials. The easiest way to do this is to specify 'AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID' and 'AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY' environment variables using `Sys.setenv()` or by placing these values in an `.Renviron` file. Credentials can also be specified in an AWS CLI credentials file [as described here](#).

This package is a reboot of the MTurkR package after the MTurk API was updated in June 2019 and rendered it obsolete. This package uses `reticulate` to wrap `boto3`, the AWS SDK for Python, and access the MTurk API functions.

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References

- [Amazon Mechanical Turk](#)
- [Amazon Mechanical Turk API Documentation](#)

See Also

To get started using pyMTurkR, see the documentation for [CreateHIT](#) (for creating single tasks). For some tutorials on how to use MTurkR for specific use cases, see the following:

AccountBalance *Retrieve MTurk account balance*

Description

Retrieves the amount of money (in US Dollars) in your MTurk account.

Usage

```
AccountBalance()
```

Details

AccountBalance takes no arguments.

accountbalance(), get_account_balance() and getbalance() are aliases for AccountBalance.

Value

Returns a list of length 2: “AvailableBalance”, the balance of the account in US Dollars, and “RequestMetadata”, the metadata for the request. Note: list is returned invisibly.

Author(s)

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References

[API Reference](#)

[MTurk Pricing Structure](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
AccountBalance()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

ApproveAssignment	<i>Approve Assignment(s)</i>
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Description

Approve one or more submitted assignments, or approve all assignments for a given HIT or HIT-Type. Also allows you to approve a previously rejected assignment. This function spends money from your MTurk account.

Usage

```
ApproveAssignment(  
  assignments,  
  feedback = NULL,  
  rejected = FALSE,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

assignments	A character string containing an AssignmentId, or a vector of multiple character strings containing multiple AssignmentIds, to approve.
feedback	An optional character string containing any feedback for a worker. This must have length 1 or length equal to the number of workers. Maximum of 1024 characters.
rejected	A logical indicating whether the assignment(s) had previously been rejected (default FALSE), or a vector of logicals.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Approve assignments, by AssignmentId (as returned by [GetAssignment](#) or by HITId or HITTypeId. Must specify assignments. ApproveAllAssignments approves all assignments of a given HIT or HITType without first having to perform [GetAssignment](#).

ApproveAssignments() and approve() are aliases for ApproveAssignment. approveall() is an alias for ApproveAllAssignments.

Value

A data frame containing the list of AssignmentIds, feedback (if any), whether previous rejections were to be overridden, and whether or not each approval request was valid.

Author(s)

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References

[API Reference: Approve Assignment](#)

[API Reference: Approve Rejected Assignment](#)

See Also

[RejectAssignment](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Approve one assignment
ApproveAssignment(assignments = "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE")

# Approve multiple assignments with the same feedback
ApproveAssignment(assignments = c("26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE1",
                                   "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE2"),
                  feedback = "Great work!")

## End(Not run)
```

AssignQualification *Assign Qualification*

Description

Assign a Qualification to one or more workers. The QualificationType should have already been created by [CreateQualificationType](#), or the details of a new QualificationType can be specified atomically. This function also provides various options for automatically specifying the value of a worker's QualificationScore based upon a worker's statistics.

Usage

```
AssignQualification(
  qual = NULL,
  workers,
  value = 1,
  notify = FALSE,
  name = NULL,
  description = NULL,
  keywords = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  retry.delay = NULL,
  test = NULL,
  answerkey = NULL,
```

```

    test.duration = NULL,
    auto = NULL,
    auto.value = NULL,
    verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
value	A character string containing the value to be assigned to the worker(s) for the QualificationType.
notify	A logical indicating whether workers should be notified that they have been assigned the qualification. Default is FALSE.
name	An optional character string specifying a name for a new QualificationType. This is visible to workers. Cannot be modified by UpdateQualificationType.
description	An optional character string specifying a longer description of the QualificationType. This is visible to workers. Maximum of 2000 characters.
keywords	An optional character string containing a comma-separated set of keywords by which workers can search for the QualificationType. Cannot be modified by UpdateQualificationType. Maximum of 1000 characters.
status	A character vector of "Active" or "Inactive", indicating whether the QualificationType should be active and visible.
retry.delay	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to wait before requesting the QualificationType after an initial rejection.
test	An optional character string consisting of a QuestionForm data structure, used as a test a worker must complete before the QualificationType is granted to them.
answerkey	An optional character string consisting of an AnswerKey data structure, used to automatically score the test.
test.duration	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to complete the test.
auto	A logical indicating whether the Qualification is automatically granted to workers who request it. Default is FALSE.
auto.value	An optional parameter specifying the value that is automatically assigned to workers when they request it (if the Qualification is automatically granted).
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE).

Details

A very robust function to assign a Qualification to one or more workers. The simplest use of the function is to assign a Qualification of the specified value to one worker, but assignment to multiple workers is possible. Workers can be assigned a Qualification previously created by

[CreateQualificationType](#), with the characteristics of a new QualificationType specified atomically, or a QualificationTypeID for a qualification created in the MTurk RUI.

AssignQualifications(), assignqual() and AssociateQualificationWithWorker() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the list of workers, the QualificationTypeId, the value each worker was assigned, whether they were notified of their QualificationType assignment, and whether the request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <-
CreateQualificationType(name="Worked for me before",
  description="This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords="Worked for me before")

# assign qualification to single worker
AssignQualification(qual1$QualificationTypeId, "A1R09UJNWXMU65", value = "50")

# delete the qualification
DeleteQualificationType(qual1)

# assign a new qualification (defined atomically)
AssignQualification(workers = "A1R09UJNWXMU65",
  name = "Worked for me before",
  description = "This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords = "Worked for me before")

## End(Not run)
```

BlockWorker

Block Worker(s)

Description

Block a worker. This prevents a worker from completing any HITs for you while they are blocked, but does not affect their ability to complete work for other requesters or affect their worker statistics.

Usage

```
BlockWorker(  
  workers,  
  reasons = NULL,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
reasons	A character string containing a reason for blocking a worker. This must have length 1 or length equal to the number of workers.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

BlockWorker prevents the specified worker from completing any of your HITs.

BlockWorkers(), block() and CreateWorkerBlock(), are aliases for BlockWorker. UnblockWorkers(), unblock(), and DeleteWorkerBlock() are aliases for UnblockWorker. blockedworkers() is an alias for GetBlockedWorkers.

Value

BlockWorker returns a data frame containing the list of workers, reasons (for blocking them), and whether the request to block was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Block](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
BlockWorker("A1R09UJNWXMU65", reasons="Did not follow HIT instructions.")  
UnblockWorker("A1R09UJNWXMU65")  
  
## End(Not run)
```

 ChangeHITType

Change HITType Properties of a HIT

Description

Change the HITType of a HIT from one HITType to another (e.g., to change the title, description, or qualification requirements associated with a HIT). This will cause a HIT to no longer be grouped with HITs of the previous HITType and instead be grouped with those of the new HITType. You cannot change the payment associated with a HIT without expiring the current HIT and creating a new one.

Usage

```
ChangeHITType(
  hit = NULL,
  old.hit.type = NULL,
  new.hit.type = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  description = NULL,
  reward = NULL,
  duration = NULL,
  keywords = NULL,
  auto.approval.delay = as.integer(2592000),
  qual.req = NULL,
  old.annotation = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

<code>hit</code>	An optional character string containing the HITId whose HITTypeId is to be changed, or a vector of character strings containing each of multiple HITIds to be changed. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>old.hit.type</code> xor annotation.
<code>old.hit.type</code>	An optional character string containing the HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds) whose HITs are to be changed to the new HITTypeId. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>old.hit.type</code> xor annotation.
<code>new.hit.type</code>	An optional character string specifying the new HITTypeId that this HIT should be visibly grouped with (and whose properties, e.g. reward amount, this HIT should inherit).
<code>title</code>	An optional character string containing the title for the HITType. All HITs of this HITType will be visibly grouped to workers according to this title.
<code>description</code>	An optional character string containing a description of the HITType. This is visible to workers.
<code>reward</code>	An optional character string containing the per-assignment reward amount, in U.S. Dollars (e.g., "0.15").

duration	An optional character string containing the duration of each HIT, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds).
keywords	An optional character string containing a comma-separated set of keywords by which workers can search for HITs of this HITType.
auto.approval.delay	An optional character string specifying the amount of time, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds), before a submitted assignment is automatically granted.
qual.req	An optional character string containing one a QualificationRequirement data structure, as returned by GenerateQualificationRequirement .
old.annotation	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs to change the HITType of. This can be used to change the HITType for all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:73832;”, where “73832” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify hit xor old.hit.type xor annotation.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

This function changes the HITType of a specified HIT (or multiple specific HITs or all HITs of a specified HITType) to a new HITType. `hit` xor `old.hit.type` must be specified. Then, either a new HITTypeId can be specified or a new HITType can be created by atomically by specifying the characteristics of the new HITType.

`changehittype()` and `UpdateHITTypeOfHIT()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame listing the HITId of each HIT who HITType was changed, its old HITTypeId and new HITTypeId, and whether the request for each HIT was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

[RegisterHITType](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
hittype1 <- RegisterHITType(title = "10 Question Survey",
  description = "Complete a 10-question survey about news coverage and your opinions",
  reward = ".20",
  duration = seconds(hours=1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")
a <- GenerateExternalQuestion("https://www.example.com/", "400")
hit <- CreateHIT(hit.type = hittype1$HITTypeId,
  assignments = 1,
  expiration = seconds(days=1),
  question = a$string)

# change to HITType with new reward amount
hittype2 <- RegisterHITType(title = "10 Question Survey",
  description = "Complete a 10-question survey about news coverage and your opinions",
  reward = ".45",
  duration = seconds(hours=1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")
ChangeHITType(hit = hit$HITId,
  new.hit.type=hittype2$HITTypeId)

# Change to new HITType, with arguments stated atomically
ChangeHITType(hit = hit$HITId,
  title = "10 Question Survey",
  description = "Complete a 10-question survey about news coverage and your opinions",
  reward = ".20",
  duration = seconds(hours=1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")

# expire and dispose HIT
ExpireHIT(hit = hit$HITId)
DeleteHIT(hit = hit$HITId)

## End(Not run)
```

 CheckAWSKeys

Helper function to check AWS Keys

Description

Checks for the existence of environment variables `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID` and `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY`.

Usage

```
CheckAWSKeys()
```

Value

A logical indicating whether AWS Keys were found as environment variables.

ContactWorker	<i>Contact Worker(s)</i>
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Description

Contact one or more workers. This sends an email with specified subject line and body text to one or more workers. This can be used to recontact workers in panel/longitudinal research or to send follow-up work.

Usage

```
ContactWorker(
  subjects,
  msgs,
  workers,
  batch = FALSE,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

subjects	A character string containing subject line of an email, or a vector of character strings of of length equal to the number of workers to be contacted containing the subject line of the email for each worker. Maximum of 200 characters.
msgs	A character string containing body text of an email, or a vector of character strings of of length equal to the number of workers to be contacted containing the body text of the email for each worker. Maximum of 4096 characters.
workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
batch	A logical (default is FALSE), indicating whether workers should be contacted in batches of 100 (the maximum allowed by the API). This significantly reduces the time required to contact workers, but eliminates the ability to send customized messages to each worker.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Send an email to one or more workers, either with a common subject and body text or subject and body customized for each worker.

In batch mode (when `batch=TRUE`), workers are contacted in batches of 100 with a single identical email. If one email fails (e.g., for one worker) the other emails should be sent successfully. That

is to say, the request as a whole will be valid but will return additional information about which workers were not contacted. This information can be found in the MTurkR log file and viewing the XML responses directly.

Note: It is only possible to contact workers who have performed work for you previously. When attempting to contact a worker who has not worked for you before, this function will indicate that the request was successful even though the email is not sent. The function will return a value of “HardFailure” for Valid when this occurs. The printed results may therefore appear contradictory because MTurk reports that requests to contact these workers are Valid, but they are not actually contacted. In batch, this means that a batch will be valid but individual ineligible workers will be reported as not contacted.

ContactWorkers(), contact(), NotifyWorkers, NotifyWorker(), and notify() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the list of workers, subjects, and messages, and whether the request to contact each of them was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
a <- "Complete a follow-up survey for $.50"
b <- "Thanks for completing my HIT!
I will pay a $.50 bonus if you complete a follow-up survey by Friday at 5:00pm.
The survey can be completed at
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/pssurvey?c=A1R09UEXAMPLE."

# contact one worker
c1 <- "A1R09UEXAMPLE"
d <- ContactWorker(subjects = a,
                   msgs = b,
                   workers = c1)

# contact multiple workers in batch
c2 <- c("A1R09EXAMPLE1", "A1R09EXAMPLE2", "A1R09EXAMPLE3")
e <- ContactWorker(subjects = a,
                   msgs = b,
                   workers = c2,
                   batch = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

 CreateHIT

Create HIT

Description

Create a single HIT. This is the most important function in the package. It creates a HIT based upon the specified parameters: (1) characteristics inherited from a HITType or specification of those parameters and (2) some kind of Question data structure.

Usage

```

CreateHIT(
  hit.type = NULL,
  question = NULL,
  expiration,
  assignments = NULL,
  assignment.review.policy = NULL,
  hit.review.policy = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  unique.request.token = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  description = NULL,
  reward = NULL,
  duration = NULL,
  keywords = NULL,
  auto.approval.delay = NULL,
  qual.req = NULL,
  hitlayoutid = NULL,
  hitlayoutparameters = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

<code>hit.type</code>	An optional character string specifying the HITTypeId that this HIT should be generated from. If used, the HIT will inherit title, description, keywords, reward, and other properties of the HIT.
<code>question</code>	A mandatory (unless layoutid is specified) character string containing a QuestionForm, HTMLQuestion, or ExternalQuestion data structure. In lieu of a question parameter, a hitlayoutid and, optionally, hitlayoutparameters can be specified.
<code>expiration</code>	The time (in seconds) that the HIT should be available to workers. Must be between 30 and 31536000 seconds.
<code>assignments</code>	A character string specifying the number of assignments
<code>assignment.review.policy</code>	An optional character string containing an Assignment-level ReviewPolicy data structure as returned by GenerateAssignmentReviewPolicy .

<code>hit.review.policy</code>	An optional character string containing a HIT-level ReviewPolicy data structure as returned by GenerateHITReviewPolicy .
<code>annotation</code>	An optional character string annotating the HIT. This is not visible to workers, but can be used as a label by which to identify the HIT from the API.
<code>unique.request.token</code>	An optional character string, included only for advanced users. It can be used to prevent creating a duplicate HIT. A HIT will not be created if a HIT was previously granted (within a short time window) using the same <code>unique.request.token</code> .
<code>title</code>	A character string containing the title for the HITType. All HITs of this HITType will be visibly grouped to workers according to this title. Maximum of 128 characters.
<code>description</code>	A character string containing a description of the HITType. This is visible to workers. Maximum of 2000 characters.
<code>reward</code>	A character string containing the per-assignment reward amount, in U.S. Dollars (e.g., “0.15”).
<code>duration</code>	A character string containing the amount of time workers have to complete an assignment for HITs of this HITType, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds). Minimum of 30 seconds and maximum of 365 days.
<code>keywords</code>	An optional character string containing a comma-separated set of keywords by which workers can search for HITs of this HITType. Maximum of 1000 characters.
<code>auto.approval.delay</code>	An optional character string specifying the amount of time, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds), before a submitted assignment is automatically granted. Maximum of 30 days.
<code>qual.req</code>	An optional list containing one or more QualificationRequirements, for example as returned by GenerateQualificationRequirement .
<code>hitlayoutid</code>	An optional character string including a HITLayoutId retrieved from a HIT “project” template generated in the Requester User Interface at <code>https://requester.mturk.com/create</code> . If the HIT template includes variable placeholders, must also specify <code>hitlayoutparameters</code> .
<code>hitlayoutparameters</code>	Required if using a <code>hitlayoutid</code> with placeholder values. This must be a list of lists containing Name and String values.
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

This function creates a new HIT and makes it available to workers. Characteristics of the HIT can either be specified by including a valid HITTypeId for “hit.type” or creating a new HITType by atomically specifying the characteristics of a new HITType.

When creating a HIT, some kind of Question data structure must be specified. Either, a QuestionForm, HTMLQuestion, or ExternalQuestion data structure can be specified for the question parameter or, if a HIT template created in the Requester User Interface (RUI) is being used, the

appropriate `hitlayoutid` can be specified. If the HIT template contains variable placeholders, then the `hitlayoutparameters` should also be specified.

When creating a ExternalQuestion HITs, the [GenerateHITsFromTemplate](#) function can emulate the HIT template functionality by converting a template .html file into a set of individual HIT .html files (that would also have to be uploaded to a web server) and executing `CreateHIT` for each of these external files with an appropriate ExternalQuestion data structure specified for the `question` parameter.

Note that HIT and Assignment Review Policies are not currently supported.

`createhit()`, `create()`, `CreateHITwithHITType()`, and `createhitwithhittype()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the `HITid` and other details of the newly created HIT.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

CreateHIT(title = "Survey",
  description = "5 question survey",
  reward = "0.10",
  assignments = 1,
  expiration = seconds(days = 4),
  duration = seconds(hours = 1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire",
  question = GenerateExternalQuestion("https://www.example.com/", "400"))

## End(Not run)
```

CreateQualificationType

Create QualificationType

Description

Create a `QualificationType`. This creates a `QualificationType`, but does not assign it to any workers. All characteristics of the `QualificationType` (except name and keywords) can be changed later with [UpdateQualificationType](#).

Usage

```

CreateQualificationType(
    name,
    description,
    status,
    keywords = NULL,
    retry.delay = NULL,
    test = NULL,
    answerkey = NULL,
    test.duration = NULL,
    auto = NULL,
    auto.value = NULL,
    verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

name	A name for the QualificationType. This is visible to workers. It cannot be modified by UpdateQualificationType .
description	A longer description of the QualificationType. This is visible to workers. Maximum of 2000 characters.
status	A character vector of “Active” or “Inactive”, indicating whether the QualificationType should be active and visible.
keywords	An optional character string containing a comma-separated set of keywords by which workers can search for the QualificationType. Maximum 1000 characters. These cannot be modified by UpdateQualificationType .
retry.delay	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to wait before requesting the QualificationType after an initial rejection. If not specified, retries are disabled and Workers can request a Qualification of this type only once, even if the Worker has not been granted the Qualification.
test	An optional character string consisting of a QuestionForm data structure, used as a test a worker must complete before the QualificationType is granted to them.
answerkey	An optional character string consisting of an AnswerKey data structure, used to automatically score the test
test.duration	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to complete the test.
auto	A logical indicating whether the Qualification is automatically granted to workers who request it. Default is NULL meaning FALSE.
auto.value	An optional parameter specifying the value that is automatically assigned to workers when they request it (if the Qualification is automatically granted).
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to create a `QualificationType`. Active `QualificationTypes` are visible to workers and to other requesters. All characteristics of the `QualificationType`, other than the name and keywords, can later be modified by `UpdateQualificationType`. Qualifications can then be used to assign Qualifications to workers with `AssignQualification` and invoked as `QualificationRequirements` in `RegisterHITType` and/or `CreateHIT` operations.

`createqual()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the `QualificationTypeId` and other details of the newly created `QualificationType`.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Create a Qualification Type
qual1 <- CreateQualificationType(name="Worked for me before",
  description="This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords = "Worked for me before")
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

# Create a Qualification Type with a Qualification Test
f <- system.file("templates/qualificationtest1.xml", package = "pyMTurkR")
QuestionForm <- paste0(readLines(f, warn = FALSE), collapse = "")

qual2 <- CreateQualificationType(name = "Qual0001",
  description = "This is a qualification",
  status = "Active",
  test = QuestionForm,
  test.duration = 30)
DisposeQualificationType(qual2$QualificationTypeId)

# Create a Qualification Type with a Qualification Test and Answer Key
f <- system.file("templates/qualificationtest1.xml", package = "pyMTurkR")
QuestionForm <- paste0(readLines(f, warn = FALSE), collapse = "")
f <- system.file("templates/answerkey1.xml", package = "pyMTurkR")
AnswerKey <- paste0(readLines(f, warn = FALSE), collapse = "")
```

```

qual3 <- CreateQualificationType(name = "Qual0001",
                                description = "This is a qualification",
                                status = "Active",
                                test = QuestionForm,
                                test.duration = 30,
                                answerkey = AnswerKey)
DisposeQualificationType(qual3$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)

```

 DisableHIT

Disable/Expire or Delete HIT

Description

This function will allow you to expire a HIT early, which means it will no longer be available for new workers to accept. Optionally, when disabling the HIT you can approve all pending assignments and you can also try to delete the HIT.

Usage

```

DisableHIT(
  hit = NULL,
  hit.type = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  approve.pending.assignments = FALSE,
  skip.delete.prompt = FALSE,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

<code>hit</code>	A character string containing a HITId or a vector of character strings containing multiple HITIds. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>hit.type</code>	An optional character string containing a HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds). Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>annotation</code>	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs. This can be used to disable all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:78382;”, where “78382” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>approve.pending.assignments</code>	A logical indicating whether the pending assignments should be approved when the HIT is disabled.

skip.delete.prompt	A logical indicating whether to skip the prompt that asks you to confirm the delete operation. If TRUE, you will not be asked to confirm that you wish to Delete the HITs. The prompt is a safeguard flag to protect the user from mistakenly deleting HITs.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Be careful when deleting a HIT: this will also delete the assignment data! Calling this function with `DeleteHIT()`, `deletehit()`, `DisposeHIT()`, or `disposehit()` will result in deleting the HIT. The user will be prompted before continuing, unless `skip.delete.prompt` is TRUE.

If you disable a HIT while workers are still working on an assignment, they will still be able to complete their task.

`DisposeHIT()`, `ExpireHIT()`, `DeleteHIT()`, `disablehit()`, `disposehit()`, `expirehit()`, `deletehit()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing a list of HITs and whether the request to disable each of them was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Update Expiration for HIT](#) [API Reference: Delete HIT](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Disable a single HIT
hittype1 <- RegisterHITType(title = "10 Question Survey",
  description = "Complete a 10-question survey",
  reward = ".20",
  duration = seconds(hours=1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")
a <- GenerateExternalQuestion("https://www.example.com/", "400")
hit1 <- CreateHIT(hit.type = hittype1$HITTypeId,
  assignments = 1,
  expiration = seconds(days=1),
  question = a$string)

DisableHIT(hit = hit1$HITId)

# Disable all HITs of a given HITType
DisableHIT(hit.type = hit1$HITTypeId)
```

```
# Disable all HITs of a given batch from the RUI
DisableHIT(annotation="BatchId:78382;")

# Delete the HIT previously disabled
DeleteHIT(hit = hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)
```

DisposeQualificationType

Dispose QualificationType

Description

Dispose of a QualificationType. This deletes the QualificationType, Qualification scores for all workers, and all records thereof.

Usage

```
DisposeQualificationType(qual, verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE))
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to dispose of a QualificationType that is no longer needed. It will dispose of the Qualification type and any HIT types that are associated with it. It does not revoke Qualifications already assigned to Workers. Any pending requests for this Qualification are automatically rejected.

`DisposeQualificationType()`, `disposequal()`, and `deletequal()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId and whether the request to dispose was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <-
CreateQualificationType(name = "Worked for me before",
  description = "This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords = "Worked for me before")
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

emptydf

Helper function that creates an empty data.frame

Description

Helper function that creates an empty data.frame

Usage

```
emptydf(nrow, ncol, names)
```

Arguments

nrow	Number of rows
ncol	Number of columns
names	Number of names of the columns

Value

A data frame of NAs, with the given column names

ExtendHIT

Extend HIT

Description

Extend the time remaining on a HIT or the number of assignments available for the HIT.

Usage

```
ExtendHIT(
  hit = NULL,
  hit.type = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  add.assignments = NULL,
  add.seconds = NULL,
  unique.request.token = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

<code>hit</code>	An optional character string containing a HITId or a vector of character strings containing multiple HITIds. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>hit.type</code>	An optional character string containing a HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds). Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>annotation</code>	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs. This can be used to extend all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:78382;”, where “73832” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify <code>hit</code> xor <code>hit.type</code> xor <code>annotation</code> .
<code>add.assignments</code>	An optional character string containing the number of assignments to add to the HIT. Must be between 1 and 1000000000.
<code>add.seconds</code>	An optional character string containing the amount of time to extend the HIT, in seconds (for example, returned by seconds). Must be between 1 hour (3600 seconds) and 365 days.
<code>unique.request.token</code>	An optional character string, included only for advanced users.
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A useful function for adding time and/or additional assignments to a HIT. If the HIT is already expired, this reactivates the HIT for the specified amount of time. If all assignments have already been submitted, this reactivates the HIT with the specified number of assignments and previously specified expiration. Must specify a HITId xor a HITTypeId. If multiple HITs or a HITTypeId are specified, each HIT is extended by the specified amount.

`extend()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the HITId, assignment increment, time increment, and whether each extension request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Update Expiration](#) [API Reference: Create Additional Assignments for HIT](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
a <- GenerateExternalQuestion("https://www.example.com/", "400")
hit1 <- CreateHIT(title = "Example",
                 description = "Simple Example HIT",
                 reward = ".01",
                 expiration = seconds(days = 4),
                 duration = seconds(hours = 1),
                 keywords = "example",
                 question = a$string)

# add assignments
ExtendHIT(hit = hit1$HITId, add.assignments = "20")

# add time
ExtendHIT(hit = hit1$HITId, add.seconds = seconds(days=1))

# add assignments and time
ExtendHIT(hit = hit1$HITId, add.assignments = "20", add.seconds = seconds(days=1))

# cleanup
DisableHIT(hit = hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# Extend all HITs of a given batch from the RUI
ExtendHIT(annotation="BatchId:78382;", add.assignments = "20")

## End(Not run)
```

GenerateExternalQuestion

Generate ExternalQuestion

Description

Generate an ExternalQuestion data structure for use in the 'Question' parameter of the [CreateHIT](#) operation.

Usage

```
GenerateExternalQuestion(url, frame.height = 400)
```

Arguments

<code>url</code>	A character string containing the URL (served over HTTPS) of a HIT file stored anywhere other than the MTurk server.
<code>frame.height</code>	A character string containing the integer value (in pixels) of the frame height for the ExternalQuestion iframe.

Details

An ExternalQuestion is a HIT stored anywhere other than the MTurk server that is displayed to workers within an HTML iframe of the specified height. The URL should point to a page — likely an HTML form — that can retrieve several URL GET parameters for “AssignmentId” and “WorkerId”, which are attached by MTurk when opening the URL.

Note: `url` must be HTTPS.

Value

A list containing `xml.parsed`, an XML data structure, `string.xml` formatted as a character string, and `url.encoded`, character string containing a URL query parameter-formatted HTMLQuestion data structure for use in the `question` parameter of [CreateHIT](#).

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
a <- GenerateExternalQuestion(url="http://www.example.com/", frame.height="400")

hit1 <-
CreateHIT(title = "Survey",
          description = "5 question survey",
          reward = ".10",
          expiration = seconds(days = 4),
          duration = seconds(hours = 1),
          keywords = "survey, questionnaire",
          question = a$string)
```

```

ExpireHIT(hit1$HITId)
DisposeHIT(hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)

```

GenerateHITReviewPolicy

Generate HIT and/or Assignment ReviewPolicies

Description

Generate a HIT ReviewPolicy and/or Assignment ReviewPolicy data structure for use in [CreateHIT](#).

Usage

```
GenerateHITReviewPolicy(...)
```

Arguments

... ReviewPolicy parameters passed as named arguments.

Details

Converts a list of ReviewPolicy parameters into a ReviewPolicy data structure.

A ReviewPolicy works by testing whether an assignment or a set of assignments satisfies a particular condition. If that condition is satisfied, then specified actions are taken. ReviewPolicies come in two “flavors”: Assignment-level ReviewPolicies take actions based on “known” answers to questions in the HIT and HIT-level ReviewPolicies take actions based on agreement among multiple assignments. It is possible to specify both Assignment-level and HIT-level ReviewPolicies for the same HIT.

Assignment-level ReviewPolicies involve checking whether that assignment includes particular (“correct”) answers. For example, an assignment might be tested to see whether a correct answer is given to one question by each worker as a quality control measure. The ReviewPolicy works by checking whether a specified percentage of known answers are correct. So, if a ReviewPolicy specifies two known answers for a HIT and the worker gets one of those known answers correct, the ReviewPolicy scores the assignment at 50 (i.e., 50 percent). The ReviewPolicy can then be customized to take three kinds of actions depending on that score: `ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast` (approve the assignment automatically), `RejectIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan` (reject the assignment automatically), and `ExtendIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan` (add additional assignments and/or time to the HIT automatically). The various actions can be combined to, e.g., both reject an assignment and add further assignments if a score is below the threshold, or reject below a threshold and approve above, etc.

HIT-level ReviewPolicies involve checking whether multiple assignments submitted for the same HIT “agree” with one another. Agreement here is very strict: answers must be exactly the same

across assignments for them to be a matched. As such, it is probably only appropriate to use closed-ended (e.g., multiple choice) questions for HIT-level ReviewPolicies otherwise ReviewPolicy actions might be taken on irrelevant differences (e.g., word capitalization, spacing, etc.). The ReviewPolicy works by checking whether answers to multiple assignments are the same (or at least whether a specified percentage of answers to a given question are the same). For example, if the goal is to categorize an image into one of three categories, the ReviewPolicy will check whether two of three workers agree on the categorization (known as the “HIT Agreement Score”, which is a percentage of all workers who agree). Depending on the value of the HIT Agreement Score, actions can be taken. As of October 2014, only one action can be taken: `ExtendIfHITAgreementScoreIsLessThan` (extending the HIT in assignments by the number of assignments specified in `ExtendMaximumAssignments` or time as specified in `ExtendMinimumTimeInSeconds`).

Another agreement score (the “Worker Agreement Score”), measured the percentage of a worker’s responses that agree with other workers’ answers. Depending on the Worker Agreement Score, two actions can be taken: `ApproveIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsAtLeast` (to approve the assignment automatically) or `RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan` (to reject the assignment automatically, with an optional reject reason supplied with `RejectReason`). A logical value (`DisregardAssignmentIfRejected`) specifies whether to exclude rejected assignments from the calculation of the HIT Agreement Score.

Note: An optional `DisregardAssignmentIfKnownAnswerScoreIsLessThan` excludes assignments if those assignments score below a specified “known” answers threshold as determined by a separate Assignment-level ReviewPolicy.

Value

A dictionary object `HITReviewPolicy` or `AssignmentReviewPolicy`.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: QuestionForm](#)
[API Reference \(ReviewPolicies\)](#)
[APIReference \(Data Structure\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

# Generate a HIT Review Policy with GenerateHITReviewPolicy

lista <- list(QuestionIds = c("Question1", "Question2"),
            QuestionAgreementThreshold = 75,
            ApproveIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsAtLeast = 75,
            RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan = 25)
policya <- do.call(GenerateHITReviewPolicy, lista)
```

```

# Manually define a HIT Review Policy

policya <- dict(
list(
'PolicyName' = 'SimplePlurality/2011-09-01',
'Parameters' = list(
dict(
'Key' = 'QuestionIds',
'Values' = list(
'Question1',
'Question2'
)
),
dict(
'Key' = 'QuestionAgreementThreshold',
'Values' = list(
'75'
)
),
dict(
'Key' = 'ApproveIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsAtLeast',
'Values' = list(
'75'
)
),
dict(
'Key' = 'RejectIfWorkerAgreementScoreIsLessThan',
'Values' = list(
'25'
)
)
)
)
))

# Generate an Assignment Review Policy with GenerateAssignmentReviewPolicy

listb <- list(AnswerKey = list("QuestionId1" = "B", "QuestionId2" = "A"),
ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast = 99)
policyb <- do.call(GenerateAssignmentReviewPolicy, listb)

# Manually define an Assignment Review Policy

policyb <- dict(
list(
'PolicyName' = 'ScoreMyKnownAnswers/2011-09-01',
'Parameters' = list(
dict(
'Key' = 'AnswerKey',
'MapEntries' = list(

```

```

dict(
  'Key' = 'QuestionId1',
  'Values' = list('B')
),
dict(
  'Key' = 'QuestionId2',
  'Values' = list('A')
)
),
dict(
  'Key' = 'ApproveIfKnownAnswerScoreIsAtLeast',
  'Values' = list(
    '99'
  )
)
)
))

## End(Not run)

```

GenerateHITsFromTemplate

Generate HITs from a Template

Description

Generate individual HIT .html files from a local .html HIT template file, in the same fashion as the MTurk Requester User Interface (RUI).

Usage

```

GenerateHITsFromTemplate(
  template,
  input,
  filenames = NULL,
  write.files = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

template	A character string or filename for an .html HIT template
input	A data.frame containing one row for each HIT to be created and columns named identically to the placeholders in the HIT template file. Operation will fail if variable names do not correspond.
filenames	An optional list of filenames for the HITs to be created. Must be equal to the number of rows in input.

`write.files` A logical specifying whether HIT .html files should be created and stored in the working directory. Or, alternatively, whether HITs should be returned as character vectors in a list.

Details

`GenerateHITsFromTemplate` generates individual HIT question content from a HIT template (containing placeholders for input data of the form `\${variablename}`). The tool provides functionality analogous to the MTurk RUI HIT template and can be performed on .html files generated therein. The HITs are returned as a list of character strings. If `write.files = TRUE`, a side effect occurs in the form of one or more .html files being written to the working directory, with filenames specified by the `filenames` option or, if `filenames=NULL` of the form “NewHIT1.html”, “NewHIT2.html”, etc.

Value

A list containing a character string for each HIT generated from the template.

Author(s)

Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Operation](#)

[API Reference: ExternalQuestion Data Structure](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# create/edit template HTML file
# should have placeholders of the form `${varName}` for variable values
temp <- system.file("templates/htmlquestion2.xml", package = "pyMTurkR")
readLines(temp)

# create/load data.frame of template variable values
a <- data.frame(hittitle = c("HIT title 1","HIT title 2","HIT title 3"),
               hitvariable = c("HIT text 1","HIT text 2","HIT text 3"),
               stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

# create HITs from template and data.frame values
temps <- GenerateHITsFromTemplate(template = temp, input = a)

# create HITs from template
hittype1 <- RegisterHITType(title = "2 Question Survey",
                           description = "Complete a 2-question survey",
                           reward = ".20",
                           duration = seconds(hours=1),
                           keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")
hits <- lapply(temps, function(x) {
```

```

    CreateHIT(hit.type = hittype1$HITTypeId,
             expiration = seconds(days = 1),
             assignments = 2,
             question = GenerateHTMLQuestion(x)$string)
  })

# cleanup
ExpireHIT(hit.type = hittype1$HITTypeId)
DisposeHIT(hit.type = hittype1$HITTypeId)

## End(Not run)

```

GenerateHTMLQuestion *Generate HTMLQuestion*

Description

Generate an HTMLQuestion data structure for use in the ‘Question’ parameter of [CreateHIT](#).

Usage

```
GenerateHTMLQuestion(character = NULL, file = NULL, frame.height = 450)
```

Arguments

character	An optional character string from which to construct the HTMLQuestion data structure.
file	An optional character string containing a filename from which to construct the HTMLQuestion data structure.
frame.height	A character string containing the integer value (in pixels) of the frame height for the HTMLQuestion iframe.

Details

Must specify either character or file.

To be valid, an HTMLQuestion data structure must be a complete XHTML document, including doctype declaration, head and body tags, and a complete HTML form (including the form tag with a submit URL, the assignmentId for the assignment as a form field, at least one substantive form field (can be hidden), and a submit button that posts to the external submit URL; see [GenerateExternalQuestion](#)). If you fail to include a complete form, workers will be unable to submit the HIT. See the API Documentation for a complete example.

MTurkR comes pre-installed with several simple examples of HTMLQuestion HIT templates, which can be found by examining the ‘templates’ directory of the installed package directory. These examples include simple HTMLQuestion forms, as well as templates for categorization, linking to off-site surveys, and sentiment analysis. Note that the examples, while validated complete, do not include CSS styling.

Value

A list containing `xml.parsed`, an XML data structure, `string`, xml formatted as a character string, and `url.encoded`, character string containing a URL query parameter-formatted HTMLQuestion data structure for use in the question parameter of [CreateHIT](#).

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

[GenerateExternalQuestion](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
f <- system.file("templates/htmlquestion1.xml", package = "pyMTurkR")
a <- GenerateHTMLQuestion(file=f)

hit1 <-
CreateHIT(title = "Survey",
          description = "5 question survey",
          reward = ".10",
          expiration = seconds(days = 4),
          duration = seconds(hours = 1),
          keywords = "survey, questionnaire",
          question = a$string)

ExpireHIT(hit1$HITId)
DisposeHIT(hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)
```

GenerateNotification *Generate Notification*

Description

Generate a HITType Notification data structure for use in [SetHITTypeNotification](#).

Usage

```
GenerateNotification(  
    destination,  
    transport = "Email",  
    event.type,  
    version = "2006-05-05"  
)
```

Arguments

destination	Currently, a character string containing a complete email address (if transport="Email"), the SQS URL (if transport="SQS") or the SNS topic (if transport="SNS")
transport	Only "Email", "SQS" and "SNS" are supported. AWS recommends the use of the SQS transport.
event.type	A character string containing one of: AssignmentAccepted, AssignmentAbandoned, AssignmentReturned, AssignmentSubmitted, AssignmentRejected, AssignmentApproved, HITCreated, HITExtended, HITDisposed, HITReviewable, HITCreated, HITExtended, HITDisposed, HITReviewable, HITExpired (the default), or Ping.
version	Version of the HITType Notification API to use. Intended only for advanced users.

Details

Generate a Notification data structure for use in the notification option of [SetHITTypeNotification](#).

Value

A dictionary object containing the Notification data structure.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

[API Reference: Concept](#)

See Also

[SetHITTypeNotification](#)

[SendTestEventNotification](#)

GenerateQualificationRequirement

Generate QualificationRequirement

Description

Generate a QualificationRequirement data structure for use with [CreateHIT](#) or [RegisterHITType](#).

Usage

```
GenerateQualificationRequirement(quals)
```

Arguments

quals	A list of lists of Qualification parameters. Each list contains: Qualification-TypeId (string, REQUIRED), Comparator (string, REQUIRED), LocaleValues (vector of integers), LocaleValues (list containing Country = string, and optionally Subdivision = string), RequiredToPreview (logical), ActionsGuarded (string). See example below.
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Details

A convenience function to translate the details of a QualificationRequirement into the necessary structure for use in the `qual.req` parameter of [CreateHIT](#) or [RegisterHITType](#). The function accepts a list of lists of Qualification parameters.

Value

Returns a special reticulated 'tuple' object

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

[RegisterHITType](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
quals.list <- list(
  list(QualificationTypeId = "2F1KVCNHMVHV8E9PBUB2A4J79LU20F",
    Comparator = "Exists",
    IntegerValues = 1,
    RequiredToPreview = TRUE
  ),
  list(QualificationTypeId = "00000000000000000071",
    Comparator = "EqualTo",
    LocaleValues = list(Country = "US"),
    RequiredToPreview = TRUE
  )
)
GenerateQualificationRequirement(quals.list) -> qual.req

## End(Not run)
```

 GetAssignment

Get Assignment(s)

Description

Get an assignment or multiple assignments for one or more HITs (or a HITType) as a data frame.

Usage

```
GetAssignment(
  assignment = NULL,
  hit = NULL,
  hit.type = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  results = as.integer(100),
  pagetoken = NULL,
  get.answers = FALSE,
  persist.on.error = FALSE,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

assignment An optional character string specifying the AssignmentId of an assignment to return. Must specify assignment xor hit xor hit.type xor annotation.

<code>hit</code>	An optional character string specifying the HITId whose assignments are to be returned, or a vector of character strings specifying multiple HITIds all of whose assignments are to be returned. Must specify <code>assignment xor hit xor hit.type</code> xor annotation.
<code>hit.type</code>	An optional character string specifying the HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds) of one or more HITs whose assignments are to be returned. Must specify <code>assignment xor hit xor hit.type</code> xor annotation.
<code>annotation</code>	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs. This can be used to retrieve all assignments for all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:78382;”, where “73832” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify <code>assignment xor hit xor hit.type</code> xor annotation.
<code>status</code>	An optional vector of character strings (containing one of more of “Approved”, “Rejected”, “Submitted”), specifying whether only a subset of assignments should be returned. If NULL, all assignments are returned (the default). Only applies when <code>hit</code> or <code>hit.type</code> are specified; ignored otherwise.
<code>results</code>	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
<code>pagetoken</code>	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
<code>get.answers</code>	An optional logical indicating whether to also get the answers. If TRUE, the returned object is a list with Assignments and Answers.
<code>persist.on.error</code>	A boolean specifying whether to persist on an error. Errors can sometimes happen when the server times-out, in cases where large numbers of Assignments are being retrieved.
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

This function returns the requested assignments. The function must specify an `AssignmentId` xor a `HITId` xor a `HITTypeId`. If an `AssignmentId` is specified, only that assignment is returned. If a `HIT` or `HITType` is specified, default behavior is to return all assignments through a series of sequential (but invisible) API calls meaning that returning large numbers of assignments (or assignments for a large number of HITs in a single request) may be time consuming.

`GetAssignments()`, `assignment()`, `assignments()`, and `ListAssignmentsForHIT()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame representing an assignment or multiple assignments for one or more HITs (or a `HITType`).

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: GetAssignment](#)

[API Reference: ListAssignmentsForHIT](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# get an assignment
GetAssignment(assignments = "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE")
# get all assignments for a HIT
GetAssignment(hit = "2MQB727M0IGF304GJ16S1F4VE3AYDQ")
# get all assignments for a HITType
GetAssignment(hit.type = "2FFNCWYB49F9BBJWA4SJUNST50FSOW")
# get all assignments for an online batch from the RUI
GetAssignment(annotation="BatchId:78382;")

## End(Not run)
```

GetBonuses

Get Bonus Payments

Description

Get details of bonuses paid to workers, by HIT, HITType, Assignment, or Annotation.

Usage

```
GetBonuses(
  assignment = NULL,
  hit = NULL,
  hit.type = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  results = as.integer(100),
  pagetoken = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

assignment	An optional character string containing an AssignmentId whose bonuses should be returned. Must specify assignment xor hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
hit	An optional character string containing a HITId whose bonuses should be returned. Must specify assignment xor hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
hit.type	An optional character string containing a HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds) whose bonuses should be returned. Must specify assignment xor hit xor hit.type xor annotation.

annotation	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs. This can be used to retrieve bonuses for all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:78382;”, where “73832” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify assignment xor hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Retrieve bonuses previously paid to a specified HIT, HITType, Assignment, or Annotation. `bonuses()`, `getbonuses()`, `ListBonusPayments()` and `listbonuspayments()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the details of each bonus, specifically: `AssignmentId`, `WorkerId`, `Amount`, `Reason`, and `GrantTime`.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GrantBonus](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Get bonuses for a given assignment
GetBonuses(assignment = "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKL082DHNU")

# Get all bonuses for a given HIT
GetBonuses(hit = "2MQB727M0IGF304GJ16S1F4VE3AYDQ")

# Get bonuses from all HITs of a given batch from the RUI
GetBonuses(annotation = "BatchId:78382;")

## End(Not run)
```

GetClient*Creates an MTurk Client using the AWS SDK for Python (Boto3)*

Description

Create an API client. Only advanced users will likely need to use this function. `CheckAWSKeys()` is a helper function that checks if your AWS keys can be found.

Usage

```
GetClient(  
    sandbox = getOption("pyMTurkR.sandbox", TRUE),  
    restart.client = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

`sandbox` A logical indicating whether the client should be in the sandbox environment or the live environment.

`restart.client` A boolean that specifies whether to force the creation of a new client.

Details

`StartClient()` is an alias

Value

No return value; Called to populate `pyMTurkR$client`

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh

References

[AWS SDK for Python \(Boto3\) Boto3 Docs](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
GetClient()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

GetHIT

Get HIT

Description

Retrieve various details of a HIT as a data frame.

Usage

```
GetHIT(hit, verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE))
```

Arguments

hit	A character string specifying the HITId of the HIT to be retrieved.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

GetHIT retrieves characteristics of a HIT. HITStatus is a wrapper that retrieves the Number of Assignments Pending, Number of Assignments Available, Number of Assignments Completed for the HIT(s), which is helpful for checking on the progress of currently available HITs.

`gethit()` and `hit()` are aliases for `GetHIT`. `status()` is an alias for `HITStatus`.

Value

A list of data frames of various details of a HIT.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# register HITType
hittype <-
RegisterHITType(title="10 Question Survey",
  description=
    "Complete a 10-question survey about news coverage and your opinions",
  reward=".20",
  duration=seconds(hours=1),
  keywords="survey, questionnaire, politics")
```

```

a <- GenerateExternalQuestion("http://www.example.com/", "400")
hit1 <-
CreateHIT(hit.type = hittype$HITTypeId, question = a$string)

GetHIT(hit1$HITId)
HITStatus(hit1$HITId)

# cleanup
DisableHIT(hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# Get the status of all HITs from a given batch from the RUI
HITStatus(annotation="BatchId:78382;")

## End(Not run)

```

GetHITsForQualificationType
Get HITs by Qualification

Description

Retrieve HITs according to the QualificationTypes that are required to complete those HITs.

Usage

```

GetHITsForQualificationType(
  qual,
  results = as.integer(100),
  pagetoken = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to retrieve HITs that require the specified QualificationType.
gethitsbyqual() and ListHITsForQualificationType() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the HITId and other requested characteristics of the qualifying HITs.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
GetHITsForQualificationType()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

GetQualificationRequests
Get Qualification Requests

Description

Retrieve workers' requests for a QualificationType.

Usage

```
GetQualificationRequests(  
  qual = NULL,  
  results = as.integer(100),  
  pagetoken = NULL,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

qual	An optional character string containing a <code>QualificationTypeId</code> to which the search should be restricted. If none is supplied, requests made for all <code>QualificationTypes</code> are returned.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to retrieve pending Qualification Requests made by workers, either for a specified `QualificationType` or all `QualificationTypes`. Specifically, all active, custom `QualificationTypes` are visible to workers, and workers can request a `QualificationType` (e.g., when a HIT requires one they do not have). This function retrieves those requests so that they can be granted (with [GrantQualification](#)) or rejected (with [RejectQualification](#)).

`qualrequests()` and `ListQualificationRequests()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the `QualificationRequestId`, `WorkerId`, and other information (e.g., Qualification Test results) for each request.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GrantQualification](#)

[RejectQualification](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
GetQualificationRequests()

# Search for qualifications you own, then get requests for one of the quals
SearchQualificationTypes(must.be.owner = TRUE, verbose = FALSE) -> quals
quals$QualificationTypeId[[1]] -> qual1
GetQualificationRequests(qual1)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

GetQualifications	<i>Get Qualifications</i>
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Description

Get all Qualifications of a particular QualificationType assigned to Workers.

Usage

```
GetQualifications(
  qual,
  status = NULL,
  results = as.integer(100),
  pagetoken = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId for a custom (i.e., not built-in) QualificationType.
status	An optional character string specifying whether only “Granted” or “Revoked” Qualifications should be returned.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to retrieve Qualifications granted for the specified QualificationType. To retrieve a specific Qualification score (e.g., for one worker), use [GetQualificationScore](#).

A practical use for this is with automatically granted QualificationTypes. After workers request and receive an automatically granted Qualification that is tied to one or more HITs, `GetQualifications` can be used to retrieve the WorkerIds for workers that are actively working on those HITs (even before they have submitted an assignment).

`getquals()` and `ListWorkersWithQualificationType()` are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId, WorkerId, and Qualification scores of workers assigned the Qualification.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GetQualificationScore](#)

[UpdateQualificationScore](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <- AssignQualification(workers = "A1R09UJNWXMU65",
  name = "Worked for me before",
  description = "This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords = "Worked for me before")

GetQualifications(qual1$QualificationTypeId)
RevokeQualification(qual1$QualificationTypeId, qual1$WorkerId)
GetQualifications(qual1$QualificationTypeId, status="Revoked")

DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

GetQualificationScore *Get a Worker's Qualification Score*

Description

Get a Worker's score for a specific Qualification. You can only retrieve scores for custom QualificationTypes.

Usage

```
GetQualificationScore(  
  qual,  
  workers,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId for a custom Qualification-Type.
workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds, whose Qualification Scores you want to retrieve.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to retrieve one or more scores for a specified QualificationType. To retrieve all Qualifications of a given QualificationType, use [GetQualifications](#) instead. Both `qual` and `workers` can be vectors. If `qual` is not length 1 or the same length as `workers`, an error will occur.

`qualscore()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId, WorkerId, time the qualification was granted, the Qualification score, a column indicating the status of the qualification, and a column indicating whether the API request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[UpdateQualificationScore](#)

[GetQualifications](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
qual1 <-  
AssignQualification(workers = "A1R09UJNWXMU65",  
                    name = "Worked for me before",
```

```

        description = "This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
        status = "Active",
        keywords = "Worked for me before")

GetQualificationScore(qual1$QualificationTypeId, qual1$WorkerId)

# cleanup
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)

```

GetQualificationType *Get QualificationType*

Description

Get the details of a Qualification Type.

Usage

```
GetQualificationType(qual, verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE))
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Retrieve characteristics of a specified QualificationType (as originally specified by [CreateQualificationType](#)). `qualtype()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId of the newly created QualificationType and other details as specified in the request.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <- CreateQualificationType(name="Worked for me before",
  description="This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords="Worked for me before")
GetQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

GetReviewableHITs *Get Reviewable HITs*

Description

Get HITs that are currently reviewable.

Usage

```
GetReviewableHITs(
  hit.type = NULL,
  status = "Reviewable",
  results = as.integer(100),
  pagetoken = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

hit.type	An optional character string containing a HITTypeId to consider when looking for reviewable HITs.
status	An optional character string of either “Reviewable” or “Reviewing” limiting the search to HITs of with either status.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A simple function to return the HITIds of HITs currently in “Reviewable” or “Reviewing” status. To retrieve additional details about each of these HITs, see [GetHIT](#). This is an alternative to [SearchHITs](#).

reviewable() is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing HITIds and Requester Annotations.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:  
GetReviewableHITs()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

GetReviewResultsForHIT

Get ReviewPolicy Results for a HIT

Description

Get HIT- and/or Assignment-level ReviewPolicy Results for a HIT

Usage

```
GetReviewResultsForHIT(  
  hit,  
  policy.level = NULL,  
  results = as.integer(100),  
  pagetoken = NULL,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

hit	A character string containing a HITId.
policy.level	Either HIT or Assignment. If NULL (the default), all data for both policy levels is retrieved.
results	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
pagetoken	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A simple function to return the results of a ReviewPolicy. This is intended only for advanced users, who should reference MTurk documentation for further information or see the notes in [GenerateHITReviewPolicy](#).

`reviewresults` and `ListReviewPolicyResultsForHIT` are aliases.

Value

A four-element list containing up to four named data frames, depending on what ReviewPolicy (or ReviewPolicies) were attached to the HIT and whether results or actions are requested: `AssignmentReviewResult`, `AssignmentReviewAction`, `HITReviewResult`, and/or `HITReviewAction`.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

[API Reference \(ReviewPolicies\)](#)

[API Reference \(Data Structure\)](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

[GenerateHITReviewPolicy](#)

GrantBonus

*Pay Bonus to Worker***Description**

Pay a bonus to one or more workers. This function spends money from your MTurk account and will fail if insufficient funds are available.

Usage

```
GrantBonus(
    workers,
    assignments,
    amounts,
    reasons,
    skip.prompt = FALSE,
    unique.request.token = NULL,
    verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

<code>workers</code>	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
<code>assignments</code>	A character string containing an AssignmentId for an assignment performed by that worker, or a vector of character strings containing the AssignmentId for an assignment performed by each of the workers specified in <code>workers</code> .
<code>amounts</code>	A character string containing an amount (in U.S. Dollars) to bonus the worker(s), or a vector (of length equal to the number of workers) of character strings containing the amount to be paid to each worker.
<code>reasons</code>	A character string containing a reason for bonusing the worker(s), or a vector (of length equal to the number of workers) of character strings containing the reason to bonus each worker. The reason is visible to each worker and is sent via email.
<code>skip.prompt</code>	A logical indicating whether to skip the prompt that asks you to continue when duplicate AssignmentIds are found. If TRUE, you will not be asked to confirm. The prompt is a safeguard flag to protect the user from mistakenly paying a bonus twice.
<code>unique.request.token</code>	An optional character string, included only for advanced users. It can be used to prevent resending a bonus. A bonus will not be granted if a bonus was previously granted (within a short time window) using the same <code>unique.request.token</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A simple function to grant a bonus to one or more workers. The function is somewhat picky in that it requires a WorkerId, the AssignmentId for an assignment that worker has completed, an amount, and a reason for the bonus, for each bonus to be paid. Optionally, the amount and reason can be specified as single (character string) values, which will be used for each bonus.

bonus(), paybonus(), and sendbonus() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the WorkerId, AssignmentId, amount, reason, and whether each request to bonus was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GetBonuses](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Grant a single bonus
a <- "A1R09UEXAMPLE"
b <- "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE"
c <- ".50"
d <- "Thanks for your great work on my HITs!\nHope to work with you, again!"
GrantBonus(workers=a, assignments=b, amounts=c, reasons=d)

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# Grant bonuses to multiple workers
a <- c("A1R09EXAMPLE1", "A1R09EXAMPLE2", "A1R09EXAMPLE3")
b <-
c("26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE1",
  "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE2",
  "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE3")
c <- c(".50", ".10", ".25")
d <- "Thanks for your great work on my HITs!"
GrantBonus(workers=a, assignments=b, amounts=c, reasons=d)

## End(Not run)
```

 GrantQualification *Grant/Accept or Reject a Qualification Request*

Description

Grant/accept or reject a worker's request for a Qualification.

Usage

```
GrantQualification(
    qual.requests,
    values,
    reason = NULL,
    verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

qual.requests	A character string containing a QualificationRequestId (for example, returned by GetQualificationRequests), or a vector of QualificationRequestIds.
values	A character string containing the value of the Qualification to be assigned to the worker, or a vector of values of length equal to the number of QualificationRequests.
reason	An optional character string, or vector of character strings of length equal to length of the qual.requests parameter, supplying each worker with a reason for rejecting their request for the Qualification. Workers will see this message. Maximum of 1024 characters.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Qualifications are publicly visible to workers on the MTurk website and workers can request Qualifications (e.g., when a HIT requires a QualificationType that they have not been assigned). QualificationRequests can be retrieved via [GetQualificationRequests](#). GrantQualification grants the specified qualification requests. Requests can be rejected with [RejectQualifications](#).

Note that granting a qualification may have the consequence of modifying a worker's existing qualification score. For example, if a worker already has a score of 100 on a given QualificationType and then requests the same QualificationType, a GrantQualification action might increase or decrease that worker's qualification score.

Similarly, rejecting a qualification is not the same as revoking a worker's Qualification. For example, if a worker already has a score of 100 on a given QualificationType and then requests the same QualificationType, a RejectQualification leaves the worker's existing Qualification in place. Use [RevokeQualification](#) to entirely remove a worker's Qualification.

GrantQualifications(), grantqual(), AcceptQualificationRequest() and acceptrequest() are aliases; RejectQualifications() and rejectrequest() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the `QualificationRequestId`, reason for rejection (if applicable; only for `RejectQualification`), and whether each request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: AcceptQualificationRequest](#)

See Also

[GetQualificationRequests](#)

RegisterHITType	<i>Register a HITType</i>
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Description

Register a HITType on MTurk, in order to create one or more HITs to show up as a group to workers.

Usage

```
RegisterHITType(
  title,
  description,
  reward,
  duration,
  keywords = NULL,
  auto.approval.delay = as.integer(2592000),
  qual.req = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

<code>title</code>	A character string containing the title for the HITType. All HITs of this HITType will be visibly grouped to workers according to this title. Maximum of 128 characters.
<code>description</code>	A character string containing a description of the HITType. This is visible to workers. Maximum of 2000 characters.
<code>reward</code>	A character string containing the per-assignment reward amount, in U.S. Dollars (e.g., "0.15").

duration	A character string containing the amount of time workers have to complete an assignment for HITs of this HITType, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds). Minimum of 30 seconds and maximum of 365 days.
keywords	An optional character string containing a comma-separated set of keywords by which workers can search for HITs of this HITType. Maximum of 1000 characters.
auto.approval.delay	An optional character string specifying the amount of time, in seconds (for example, as returned by seconds), before a submitted assignment is automatically granted. Maximum of 30 days.
qual.req	An optional character string containing one or more QualificationRequirements data structures, for example as returned by GenerateQualificationRequirement .
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

All HITs of a given HITType are visibly grouped together for workers and share common properties (e.g., reward amount, QualificationRequirements). This function registers a HITType in the MTurk system, which can then be used when creating individual HITs. If a requester wants to change these properties for a specific HIT, the HIT should be changed to a new HITType (see [ChangeHITType](#)). `hittype()`, `CreateHITType()`, and `createhittype()` are aliases.

Value

A two-column data frame containing the HITTypeId of the newly registered HITType and an indicator for whether the registration request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Operation](#)

See Also

[CreateHIT](#)

[ChangeHITType](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
RegisterHITType(title="10 Question Survey",
  description=
    "Complete a 10-question survey about news coverage and your opinions",
  reward=".20",
```



```
duration=seconds(hours=1),
keywords="survey, questionnaire, politics")

## End(Not run)
```

RejectAssignment *Reject Assignment*

Description

Reject a Worker's assignment (or multiple assignments) submitted for a HIT. Feedback should be provided for why an assignment was rejected.

Usage

```
RejectAssignment(
  assignments,
  feedback,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

assignments	A character string containing an AssignmentId, or a vector of multiple character strings containing multiple AssignmentIds, to reject.
feedback	A character string containing any feedback for a worker. This must have length 1 or length equal to the number of workers.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Reject assignments, by AssignmentId (as returned by [GetAssignment](#)). More advanced functionality to quickly reject many or all assignments (ala [ApproveAllAssignments](#)) is intentionally not provided.

RejectAssignments() and reject() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the list of AssignmentIds, feedback (if any), and whether or not each rejection request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References[API Reference](#)**See Also**[ApproveAssignment](#)**Examples**

```
## Not run:
RejectAssignment(assignments = "26XXH0JPPSI23H54YVG7BKLEXAMPLE")

## End(Not run)
```

RevokeQualification *Revoke a Qualification from a Worker*

Description

Revoke a Qualification from a worker or multiple workers. This deletes their qualification score and any record thereof.

Usage

```
RevokeQualification(
  qual,
  workers,
  reasons = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
reasons	An optional character string, or vector of character strings of length equal to length of the workers parameter, supplying each worker with a reason for revoking their Qualification. Workers will see this message.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A simple function to revoke a Qualification assigned to one or more workers.

RevokeQualifications(), revokequal() and DisassociateQualificationFromWorker() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId, WorkerId, reason (if applicable), and whether each request was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GrantQualification](#)

[RejectQualification](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <-
AssignQualification(workers = "A1R09UJNWXMU65",
                    name = "Worked for me before",
                    description = "This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
                    status = "Active",
                    keywords = "Worked for me before")

RevokeQualification(qual = qual1$QualificationTypeId,
                    worker = qual1$WorkerId,
                    reason = "No longer needed")

DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

SearchHITs

Search your HITs

Description

Search for your HITs and return those HITs as R objects.

Usage

```
SearchHITs(  
  return.pages = NULL,  
  results = as.integer(100),  
  pagetoken = NULL,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

<code>return.pages</code>	An integer indicating how many pages of results should be returned.
<code>results</code>	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
<code>pagetoken</code>	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Retrieve your current HITs (and, optionally, characteristics thereof).

`searchhits()`, `ListHITs()`, and `listhits()` are aliases

Value

A list containing data frames of HITs and Qualification Requirements

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
SearchHITS()

## End(Not run)
```

```
SearchQualificationTypes
      Search Qualification Types
```

Description

Search for Qualification Types.

Usage

```
SearchQualificationTypes(
  search.query = NULL,
  must.be.requestable = FALSE,
  must.be.owner = FALSE,
  results = as.integer(100),
  return.pages = NULL,
  pagetoken = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

<code>search.query</code>	An optional character string to use as a search query
<code>must.be.requestable</code>	A boolean indicating whether the Qualification must be requestable by Workers or not.
<code>must.be.owner</code>	A boolean indicating whether to search only the Qualifications you own / created, or to search all Qualifications. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>results</code>	An optional character string indicating how many results to fetch per page. Must be between 1 and 100. Most users can ignore this.
<code>return.pages</code>	An integer indicating how many pages of results should be returned.
<code>pagetoken</code>	An optional character string indicating which page of search results to start at. Most users can ignore this.
<code>verbose</code>	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

This function will search Qualification Types. It can search through the Qualifications you created, or through all the Qualifications that exist.

SearchQuals(), searchquals(),ListQualificationTypes() listquals(), ListQuals() are aliases

Value

A data frame of Qualification Types

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh

References

[API Reference](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
SearchQuals()

## End(Not run)
```

seconds

Convert arbitrary times to seconds

Description

A convenience function to convert arbitrary numbers of days, hours, minutes, and/or seconds into seconds.

Usage

```
seconds(days = NULL, hours = NULL, minutes = NULL, seconds = NULL)
```

Arguments

days	An optional number of days.
hours	An optional number of hours.
minutes	An optional number of minutes.
seconds	An optional number of seconds.

Details

A convenience function to convert arbitrary numbers of days, hours, minutes, and/or seconds into seconds. For example, to be used in setting a HIT expiration time. MTurk only accepts times (e.g., for HIT expirations, or the duration of assignments) in seconds. This function returns an integer value equal to the number of seconds of the input, and can be used atomically within other MTurkR calls (e.g., [CreateHIT](#)).

Value

An integer equal to the requested amount of time in seconds.

Author(s)

Thomas J. Leeper

SendTestEventNotification
Test a Notification

Description

Test a HITType Notification, for example, to try out a HITType Notification before creating a HIT.

Usage

```
SendTestEventNotification(  
  notification,  
  test.event.type,  
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)  
)
```

Arguments

notification	A dictionary object Notification structure (e.g., returned by GenerateNotification).
test.event.type	A character string containing one of: AssignmentAccepted, AssignmentAbandoned, AssignmentReturned, AssignmentSubmitted, AssignmentRejected, AssignmentApproved, HITCreated, HITExtended, HITDisposed, HITReviewable, HITCreated, HITExtended, HITDisposed, HITReviewable, HITExpired (the default), or Ping.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Test a Notification configuration. The test mimics whatever the Notification configuration will do when the event described in `test.event.type` occurs. For example, if a Notification has been configured to send an email any time an Assignment is Submitted, testing for an AssignmentSubmitted event should trigger an email. Similarly, testing for an AssignmentReturned event should do nothing.

`notificationtest` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the notification, the event type, and details on whether the request was valid. As a side effect, a notification will be sent to the configured destination (either an email or an SQS queue).

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[SetHITTypeNotification](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
hittype <- RegisterHITType(title="10 Question Survey",
                          description = "Complete a 10-question survey",
                          reward = ".20",
                          duration = seconds(hours = 1),
                          keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")

a <- GenerateNotification("requester@example.com", event.type = "HITExpired")

SetHITTypeNotification(hit.type = hittype$HITTypeId,
                      notification = a,
                      active = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

 SetHITAsReviewing *Set HIT as “Reviewing”*

Description

Update the review status of a HIT, from “Reviewable” to “Reviewing” or the reverse.

Usage

```
SetHITAsReviewing(
  hit = NULL,
  hit.type = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  revert = FALSE,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

hit	An optional character string containing a HITId, or a vector character strings containing HITIds, whose status are to be changed. Must specify hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
hit.type	An optional character string specifying a HITTypeId (or a vector of HITTypeIds), all the HITs of which should be set as “Reviewing” (or the reverse). Must specify hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
annotation	An optional character string specifying the value of the RequesterAnnotation field for a batch of HITs. This can be used to set the review status all HITs from a “batch” created in the online Requester User Interface (RUI). To use a batch ID, the batch must be written in a character string of the form “BatchId:78382;”, where “73832” is the batch ID shown in the RUI. Must specify hit xor hit.type xor annotation.
revert	An optional logical to revert the HIT from “Reviewing” to “Reviewable”.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE).

Details

A function to change the status of one or more HITs (or all HITs of a given HITType) to “Reviewing” or the reverse. This affects what HITs are returned by [GetReviewableHITs](#). Must specify a HITId xor a HITTypeId xor an annotation.

reviewing() and UpdateHITReviewStatus() are aliases.

Value

A data frame containing HITId, status, and whether the request to change the status of each was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GetReviewableHITs](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:

a <- GenerateExternalQuestion("https://www.example.com/", "400")
hit1 <- CreateHIT(hit.type = "2FFNCWYB49F9BBJWA4SJUNST50FSOW",
                 question = a$string,
                 expiration = seconds(hours = 1))
SetHITAsReviewing(hit1$HITId)

# cleanup
DisableHIT(hit1$HITId)

## End(Not run)
```

SetHITTypeNotification

Configure a HITType Notification

Description

Configure a notification to be sent when specific actions occur for the specified HITType.

Usage

```
SetHITTypeNotification(
  hit.type,
  notification = NULL,
  active = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

hit.type	A character string specifying the HITTypeId of the HITType for which notifications are being configured.
notification	An optional dictionary object Notification structure (e.g., returned by GenerateNotification).
active	A logical indicating whether the Notification is active or inactive.
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

Configure a notification to be sent to the requester whenever an event (specified in the `Notification` object) occurs. This is useful, for example, to enable email notifications about when assignments are submitted or HITs are completed, or for other HIT-related events.

Email notifications are useful for small projects, but configuring notifications to use the Amazon Simple Queue Service (SQS) is more reliable for large projects and allows automated processing of notifications.

`setnotification()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing details of the Notification and whether or not the request was successfully executed by MTurk.

Once configured, events will trigger a side effect in the form of a notification sent to the specified transport (either an email address or SQS queue). That notification will contain the following details: `EventType`, `EventTime`, `HITTypeId`, `HITId`, and (if applicable) `AssignmentId`.

Note that the 'Notification' column in this dataframe is a dictionary object coerced into a character type. This cannot be used again directly as a notification parameter, but it can be used to re-construct the dictionary object.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference: Operation](#)

[API Reference: Concept](#)

See Also

[GenerateNotification](#)

[SendTestEventNotification](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# setup email notification
hittype <- RegisterHITType(title = "10 Question Survey",
  description = "Complete a 10-question survey",
  reward = ".20",
  duration = seconds(hours = 1),
  keywords = "survey, questionnaire, politics")

a <- GenerateNotification("user@gmail.com", "Email", "AssignmentAccepted")
SetHITTypeNotification(hit.type = hittype$HITTypeId,
  notification = a,
  active = TRUE)

# send test notification
SendTestEventNotification(a, test.event.type = "AssignmentAccepted")

## End(Not run)
```

ToDataFrameAssignment *ToDataFrameAssignment*

Description

Get a list of assignment and answer information for an assignment

Usage

```
ToDataFrameAssignment(assignment)
```

Arguments

assignment assignment

Value

A list of Data frames, for assignment information and answers

ToDataFrameBonusPayments
ToDataFrameBonusPayments

Description

ToDataFrameBonusPayments

Usage

ToDataFrameBonusPayments(bonuses)

Arguments

bonuses bonuses

Value

A Data frame of Bonus payment information

ToDataFrameHITs *ToDataFrameHITs*

Description

Convert a list of HITs to a data frame

Usage

ToDataFrameHITs(hits)

Arguments

hits hits

Value

A data frame of information on HITs, one per row.

ToDataFrameQualificationRequests

ToDataFrameQualificationRequests

Description

ToDataFrameQualificationRequests

Usage

ToDataFrameQualificationRequests(requests)

Arguments

requests requests

Value

A Data frame of Qualification Request information

ToDataFrameQualificationRequirements

ToDataFrameQualificationRequirements

Description

ToDataFrameQualificationRequirements

Usage

ToDataFrameQualificationRequirements(hits)

Arguments

hits hits

Value

A Data frame of Qualification Requirements for the given HITS

ToDataFrameQualifications
ToDataFrameQualifications

Description

ToDataFrameQualifications

Usage

ToDataFrameQualifications(quals)

Arguments

quals qualifications

Value

A Data frame of qualification information

ToDataFrameQualificationTypes
ToDataFrameQualificationTypes

Description

ToDataFrameQualificationTypes

Usage

ToDataFrameQualificationTypes(quals)

Arguments

quals qualifications

Value

A Data frame of Qualification Types

ToDataFrameQuestionFormAnswers

ToDataFrameQuestionFormAnswers

Description

ToDataFrameQuestionFormAnswers

Usage

ToDataFrameQuestionFormAnswers(assignment, answers)

Arguments

assignment	assignment
answers	answers

Value

A Data frame of Answer information for the assignment

ToDataFrameReviewableHITS

ToDataFrameReviewableHITS

Description

ToDataFrameReviewableHITS

Usage

ToDataFrameReviewableHITS(hits)

Arguments

hits	hits
------	------

Value

A Data frame of reviewable HIT information

ToDataFrameReviewResults
ToDataFrameReviewResults

Description

ToDataFrameReviewResults

Usage

ToDataFrameReviewResults(results)

Arguments

results results

Value

A list of Data frames of Assignment Reviews/Actions and HIT Reviews/Actions.

ToDataFrameWorkerBlock
ToDataFrameWorkerBlock

Description

ToDataFrameWorkerBlock

Usage

ToDataFrameWorkerBlock(workers)

Arguments

workers workers

Value

A Data frame of blocked workers

 UpdateQualificationScore

Update a worker's score for a QualificationType

Description

Update a worker's score for a QualificationType that you created. Scores for built-in QualificationTypes (e.g., location, worker statistics) cannot be updated.

Usage

```
UpdateQualificationScore(
  qual,
  workers,
  values = NULL,
  increment = NULL,
  verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)
```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
workers	A character string containing a WorkerId, or a vector of character strings containing multiple WorkerIds.
values	A character string containing an integer value to be assigned to the worker, or a vector of character strings containing integer values to be assigned to each worker (and thus must have length equal to the number of workers).
increment	An optional character string specifying, in lieu of "values", the amount that each worker's current QualificationScore should be increased (or decreased).
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to update the Qualification score assigned to one or more workers for the specified custom QualificationType. The simplest use is to specify a QualificationTypeId, a WorkerId, and a value to be assigned to the worker. Scores for multiple workers can be updated in one request.

Additionally, the increment parameter allows you to increase (or decrease) each of the specified workers scores by the specified amount. This might be useful, for example, to keep a QualificationType that records how many of a specific style of HIT a worker has completed and increase the value of each worker's score by 1 after they complete a HIT.

This function will only affect workers who already have a score for the QualificationType. If a worker is given who does not already have a score, they will not be modified.

updatequalscore() is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId, WorkerId, Qualification score, and whether the request to update each was valid.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GetQualificationScore](#)

[GetQualifications](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <- CreateQualificationType(name="Worked for me before",
  description="This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords="Worked for me before")
AssignQualification(qual1$QualificationTypeId, "A1R09UJNWXMU65", value="50")
UpdateQualificationScore(qual1$QualificationTypeId, "A1R09UJNWXMU65", value="95")
UpdateQualificationScore(qual1$QualificationTypeId, "A1R09UJNWXMU65", increment="1")
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

UpdateQualificationType

Update a Worker QualificationType

Description

Update characteristics of a QualificationType.

Usage

```
UpdateQualificationType(
  qual,
  description = NULL,
  status = NULL,
  retry.delay = NULL,
```

```

    test = NULL,
    answerkey = NULL,
    test.duration = NULL,
    auto = NULL,
    auto.value = NULL,
    verbose = getOption("pyMTurkR.verbose", TRUE)
)

```

Arguments

qual	A character string containing a QualificationTypeId.
description	A longer description of the QualificationType. This is visible to workers. Maximum of 2000 characters.
status	A character vector of “Active” or “Inactive”, indicating whether the QualificationType should be active and visible.
retry.delay	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to wait before requesting the QualificationType after an initial rejection. If not specified, retries are disabled and Workers can request a Qualification of this type only once, even if the Worker has not been granted the Qualification.
test	An optional character string consisting of a QuestionForm data structure, used as a test a worker must complete before the QualificationType is granted to them.
answerkey	An optional character string consisting of an AnswerKey data structure, used to automatically score the test
test.duration	An optional time (in seconds) indicating how long workers have to complete the test.
auto	A logical indicating whether the Qualification is automatically granted to workers who request it. Default is NULL meaning FALSE.
auto.value	An optional parameter specifying the value that is automatically assigned to workers when they request it (if the Qualification is automatically granted).
verbose	Optionally print the results of the API request to the standard output. Default is taken from <code>getOption('pyMTurkR.verbose', TRUE)</code> .

Details

A function to update the characteristics of a QualificationType. Name and keywords cannot be modified after a QualificationType is created.

`updatequal()` is an alias.

Value

A data frame containing the QualificationTypeId of the newly created QualificationType and other details as specified in the request.

Author(s)

Tyler Burleigh, Thomas J. Leeper

References

[API Reference](#)

See Also

[GetQualificationType](#)

[CreateQualificationType](#)

[DisposeQualificationType](#)

[SearchQualificationTypes](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
qual1 <- CreateQualificationType(name="Worked for me before",
  description="This qualification is for people who have worked for me before",
  status = "Active",
  keywords="Worked for me before")
qual2 <- UpdateQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId,
  description="This qualification is for everybody!",
  auto=TRUE, auto.value="5")
DisposeQualificationType(qual1$QualificationTypeId)

## End(Not run)
```

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