An Overview of the PMwR Package

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PMWR provides a small set of reliable, efficient and convenient tools that help with processing and analysing trade and portfolio data. The package does not provide a complete application to be used 'as is', but tools for creating such an application.

PMWR grew out of various pieces of software that I have written since 2008.¹ The interfaces of functions may still not be fully stable (e.g., argument names might still be made consistent across functions); in some cases, generic functions might be introduced.² The **recommended practice** is therefore to **explicitly name arguments in function calls** and not pass arguments by position. Any changes in argument names will be documented in the NEWS file (https://enricoschumann.net/R/packages/PMwR/NEWS) and so can be easily followed. More details are in the ChangeLog (https://enricoschumann.net/R/packages/ PMwR/ChangeLog).

The package is on CRAN and can be installed from there. The very latest (i.e. development) version of the package is available from https://enricoschumann.net/R/packages/ PMwR/. To install that version from within R, type

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> install.packages('PMwR',
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within a session. The package depends on several other packages, which can be obtained from the same repository and from CRAN. The source code is also hosted at publiclyavailable repositories; see the DESCRIPTION file.

What the package provides

There are three main topics for which the package provides functionality:

Keeping track of transactions The package provides functions that work with journals (sometimes called blotters). See ?journal and ?position.

Computing P&L and returns See ?pl, ?returns, ?rc and ?unit_prices.

Testing strategies See ?btest.

All details are in the manual:

https://enricoschumann.net/R/packages/PMwR/manual/PMwR.html

I am grateful for comments, suggestions and corrections. Please send bug reports directly to the package maintainer, for instance by using bug.report.

Applications, as long as they are finance-related, should be discussed on the R-SIG-Finance mailing list:

https://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-sig-finance

¹In the unlikely case that you come across a really-old version of the package: it was called PM before 2012.

²Even if PMWR is under development: the package is to provide well-documented and reliable code. For all computations, unit tests are included. As of package version 0.19-6, 774 tests are included. These tests are stored in subdirectory tinytest.