
SIMLIST

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OUTLINE

1. Environments in R
2. `simList`
3. `simList` accessors



ENVIRONMENTS IN R

“The job of an environment is to associate, or bind, a set of names to a set of values.”

[Environments · Advanced R. \(had.co.nz\)](#)

They are similar to lists, with a few exceptions:

- Every name in an environment is unique.
- The names in an environment are not ordered
- An environment has a *parent*.
- Environments have reference semantics.

For SpaDES purposes it is important to know these

- The “global environment” (`globalenv()`). Commonly the workspace and where most R users manipulate their objects.
- The “current environment” (`environment()`). For most R users it is the same as `globalenv()`. In SpaDES, users will have to interact with the ``simList`` environment but also understand that functions have their own environments.

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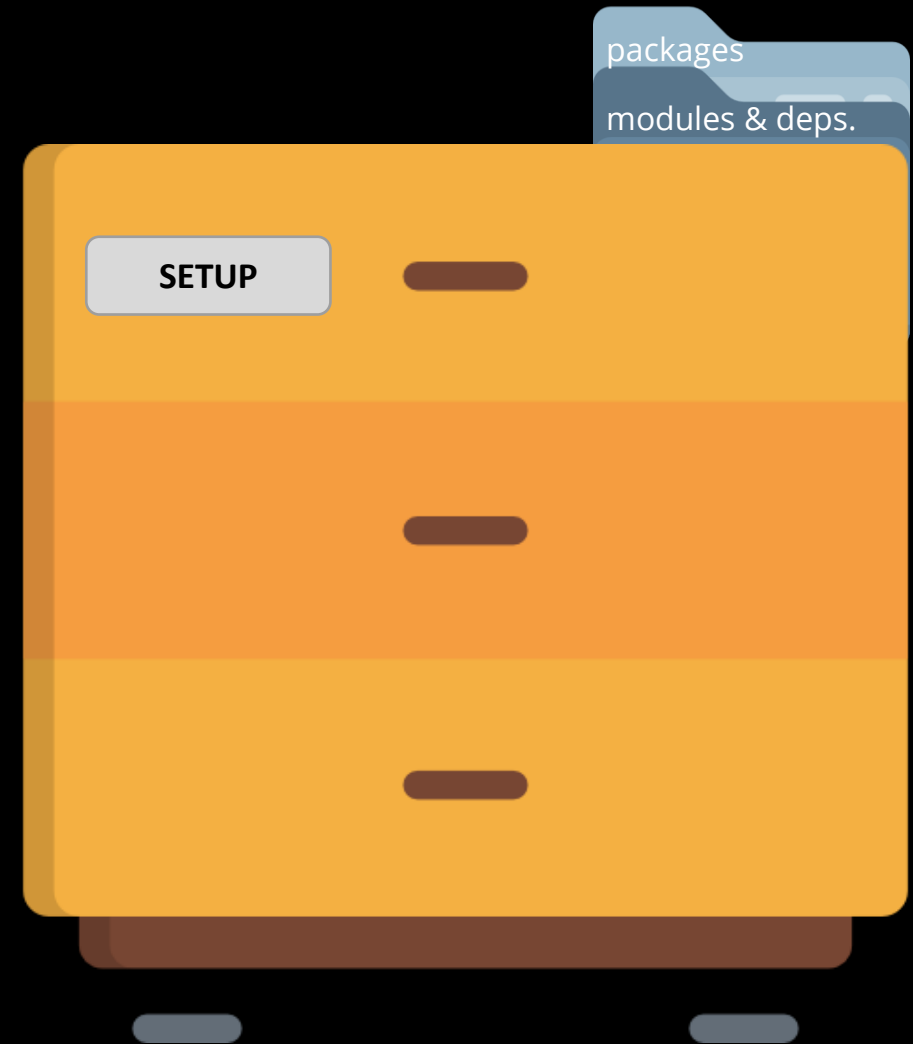


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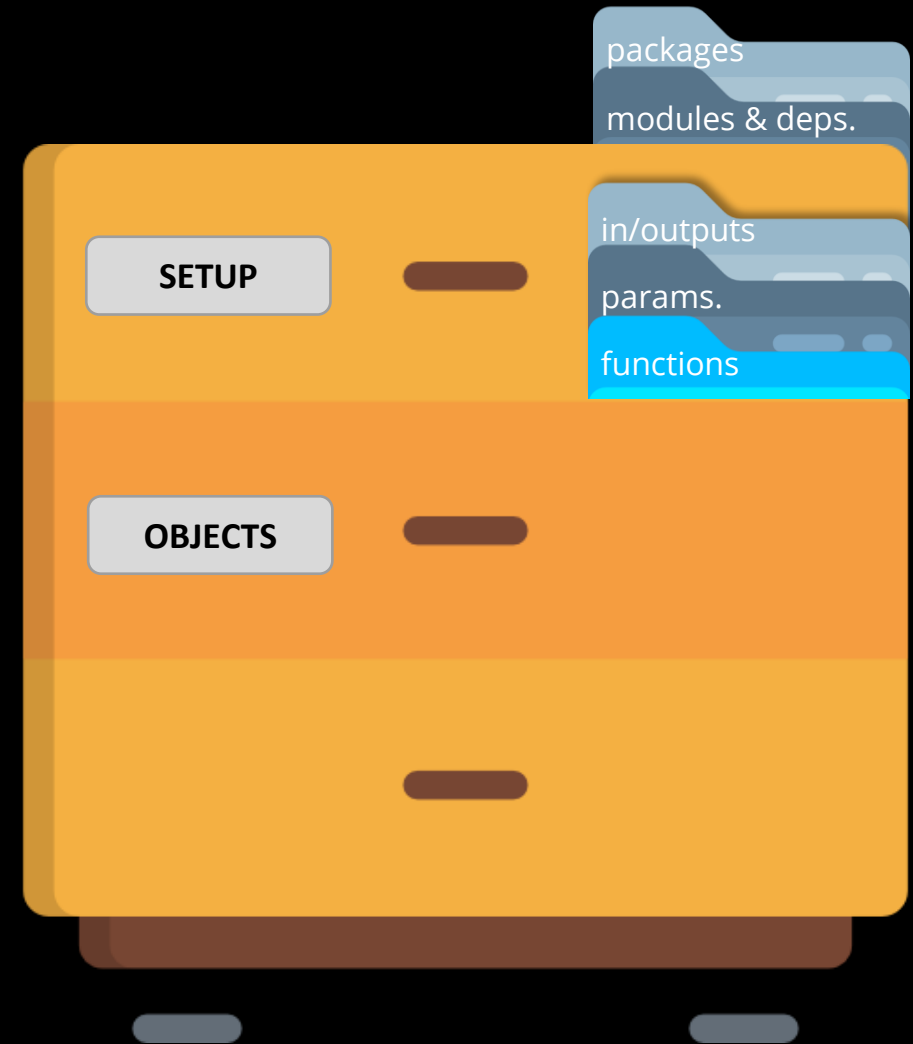
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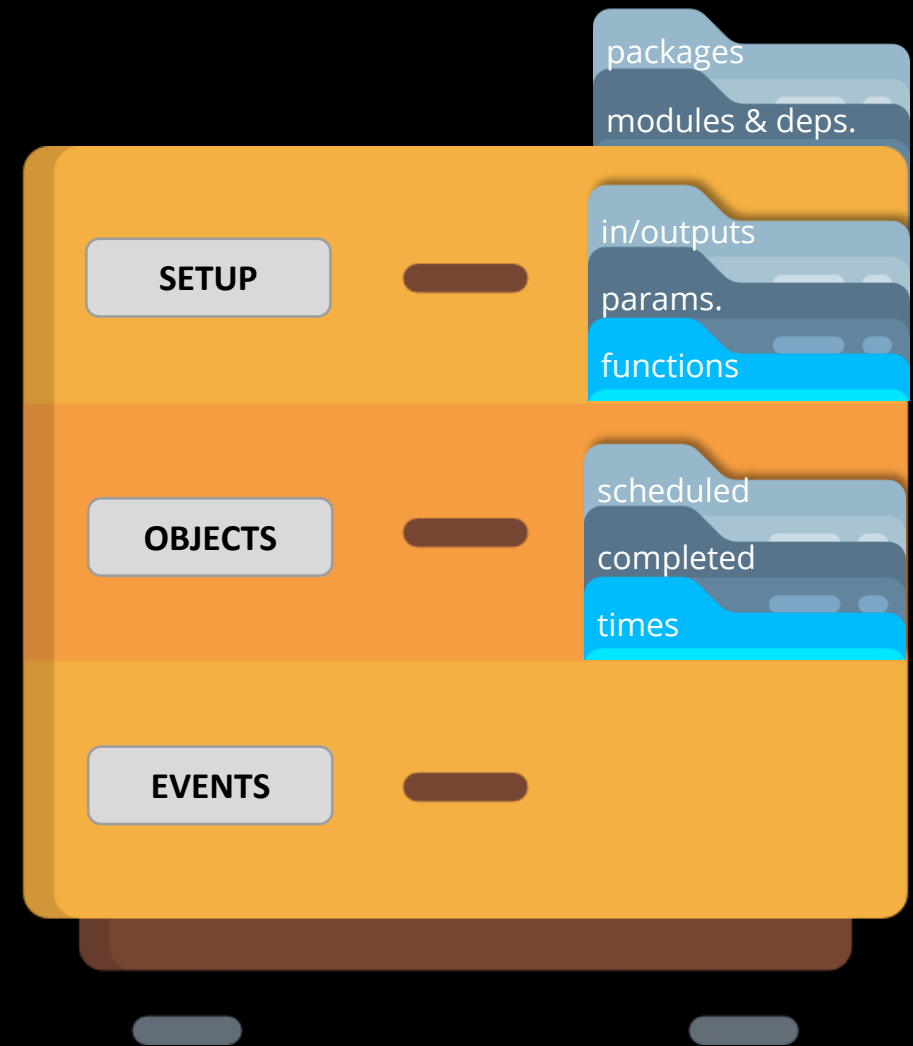
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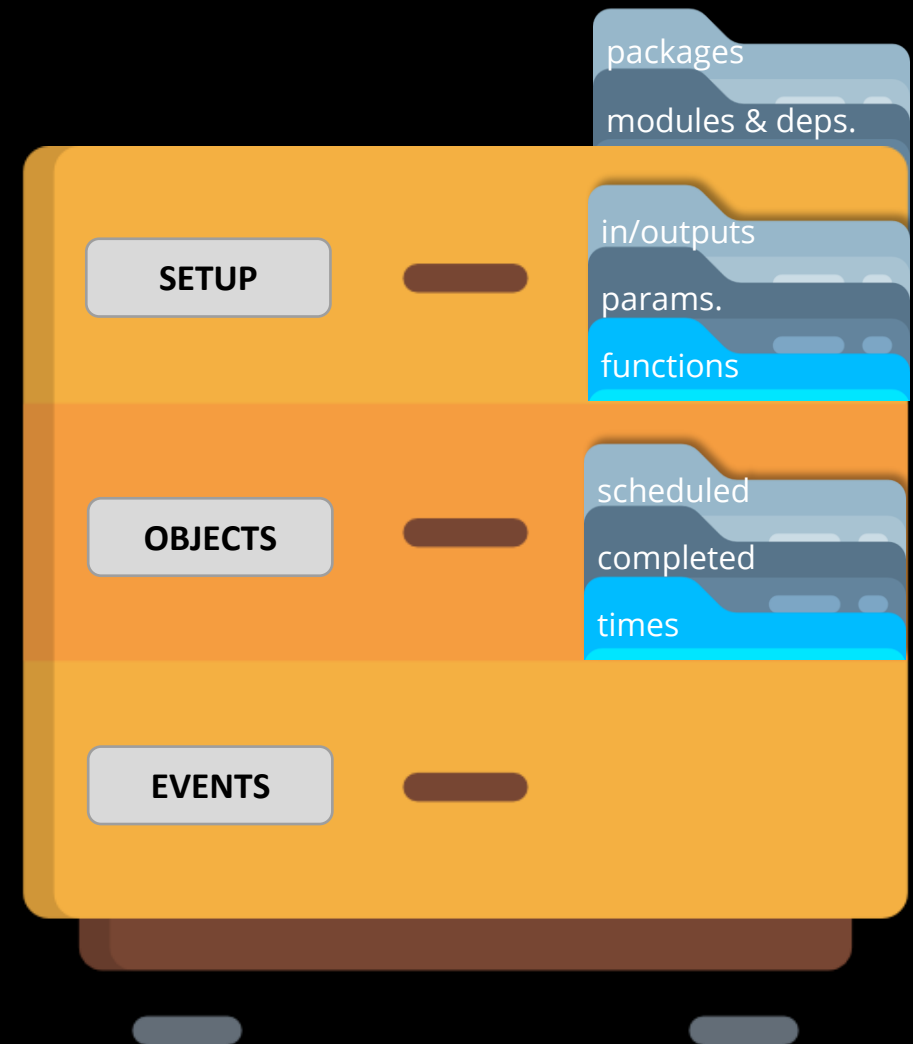
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It contains the list of completed and scheduled events and the timings at which they happened



SIMLIST ACCESSORS

“accessor functions” facilitate extracting information from the `simList`





TIME TO LOOK AT SOME CODE



[Robust and nimble scientific workflows, using SpaDES](#)

[Workshop Agenda](#)

This is a *hands-on* workshop

Please **ask questions**, share your troubles and successes

Last 15 min of each WOYO is for discussion

We are always available via **Teams chat**