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Description

This software is in no way affiliated, endorsed, or approved by Interactive Brokers or any of its affiliates. It comes with absolutely no warranty and should not be used in actual trading unless the user can read and understand the source.

IBrokers is a pure R implementation of the TWS API. At present it is only able pull data from the Interactive Brokers servers via the TWS. Future additions will include more API access, including live order handling, and better management across R sessions.

Possible real-time charting via the **quantmod** package may be incorporated into future releases.

Changes to move to version 0.1-0 have made this API implementation much more robust on all platforms. Many new error-checking calls have been incorporated, as well as a more reliable event-loop to capture the data from the TWS.

The underlying socket connections are pure R. This was a design decision to maximize cross-platform availability, as well as a recognition that historical data requests, or any requests while in a single threaded R session, must be non-threaded.

Recent additions include reqMktData to handle live market data from one or more symbols, reqMktDepth to capture market depth for one or more symbols, and reqRealTimeBars to recieve 5 second real time bars. Each of these functions have been implemented with optional user defined callback handlers to allow for R code to interact with the API while receiving data from the TWS.

Please report any and all bugs/experiences to the maintainer so they can be corrected or incorporated into future versions.

Additionally, beta testers are needed to make this a viable alternative for IB-API interaction. Don't be shy.

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Details

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The current API methods supported are:

twsConnect: Establish TWS connection twsDisconnect: Close TWS connection

isConnected: Check connection

setServerLogLevel: Set logging level

twsAccountUpdates: Get Account Details

reqIds: Request next available ID

reqCurrentTime: The TWS server time in seconds since the epoch

reqHistoricalData: Fetch historical data reqMktData: Receive real-time market data reqMktDepth: Receive real-time order book depth

regRealTimeBars: Receive 5 second OHLCVWC bar data

Experimental support:

placeOrder: Place a live order to the TWS

cancelOrder: Cancel a pending order on the TWS

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References

Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com

Examples

```
## Not run:
IBrokersRef()  # IBrokers Reference Card in PDF viewer

tws <- twsConnect() # make a new connection to the TWS
reqCurrentTime(tws) # check the server's timestamp

contract <- twsEquity('IBKR','SMART','ISLAND') # equity specification
reqHistoricalData(tws,contract) # request historical data</pre>
```

.placeOrder

```
twsDisconnect(tws) # disconnect from the TWS
## End(Not run)
```

.placeOrder

TWS Orders

Description

Place or cancel an order to the TWS.

Usage

```
placeOrder(twsconn, Contract, Order)
cancelOrder(twsconn, orderId)
```

Arguments

twsconn A twsConnection object.

Contract A twsContract object.

Order A twsOrder object.

orderId A valid order id.

Details

As described by the official Interactive Brokers (tm) documentation. Caveat Emptor!!

Value

Called for its side effect of placing or cancelling an order on the TWS. This also returns the orderId used for placeOrder. An additional side-effect is that a variable .Last.orderId will be created or updated in the GlobalEnv as well.

Note

Orders via the API are quite complicated, or at least can be. It is strongly advised to only proceed with trading real money after one understands not only all the R code in this package, but the official API as well. If you are more comfortable clicking shiny buttons in a GUI, it is probably better that you keep clicking the buttons and not pretend to program.

Not for the faint of heart. All profits and losses related are yours and yours alone. If you don't like it, write it yourself.

Author(s)

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References

Official Place Order API: https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#aa6ff6f6455c551bef9d66c34d1c8586c

See Also

twsContract twsOrder reqIds

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
id <- reqIds(tws)

placeOrder(tws, twsSTK("AAPL"), twsOrder(id))
cancelOrder(id)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

.twsIncomingMSG

Internal TWS-API MSG and ERR List

Description

Internal List of MSG Codes and Undocumented (Experimental) Functions

```
{\it Calculate Implied Volatility} \\ {\it Calculate \ Option \ Values}
```

Description

Using the IB API, calculates the implied volatility or option price given parameters.

Usage

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Arguments

twsconn A twsConnection object
Contract A twsContract object

optionPrice The option price from which to calculate implied volatility The volatility from which to calculate price

underPrice The underlying price reqId The request id

Details

Both calls will use the IB described method for calculation. See the official API for documentation.

Value

A numeric value corresponding to the request

Author(s)

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Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

```
https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#a04c5d248c1036dd72435cc1edchttps://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#a7afa53b655542e74ede683e1de
```

eWrapper

eWrapper Closure For Message Processing

Description

Create an eWrapper closure to allow for custom incoming message management.

Usage

```
eWrapper(debug = FALSE, errfile=stderr())
eWrapper.data(n)
eWrapper.MktData.CSV(n=1)
eWrapper.RealTimeBars.CSV(n=1)
```

Arguments

debug should debugging be enabled

errfile where error messages are directed (stderr)
n number of contracts being watched

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Details

IBrokers implements an eWrapper scheme similar to that provided by the official Java API.

The general idea is that each real-time data capture function must manage all incoming signals correctly, while allowing for the end user to create custom handlers for each specific event.

Internal to the reqRealTimeBars, reqMktData, and reqMktDepth functions is a single call to the CALLBACK routine passed to it. By default this is twsCALLBACK (see also). A standard argument to this callback is an eventWrapper — which is an instance of eWrapper.

eWrapper is an R closure that contains a list of functions to manage all incoming message type, as found in .twsIncomingMSG. Each message has a corresponding function in the eWrapper designed to handle the particular details of each incoming message type.

There is also an embedded environment in which data can be saved and retrieved via a handful of accessor functions mimicking the standard R tools.

The data environment is .Data, with accessor methods get.Data, assign.Data, and remove.Data.

These methods can be called from the closure object eWrapper\$get.Data, eWrapper\$assign.Data, etc.

The basic eWrapper call simply produces a visually informative display of the incoming stream. E.g. bidSize data would be represented with a *bidSize* label, instead of the internal TWS code(s) returned by the TWS.

By creating an instance of an eWrapper, accomplished by calling it as a function call, one can then modify any or all the particular methods embedded in the object.

This allows for rapid customization, as well as a built in assurance that all incoming messages will be handled appropriately without additional programmer time and resources.

An example of this ability to modify the object is given in the eWrapper.MktData.CSV code. This object produces output deisgned to be space efficient, as well as easily read back into any R session as a standard CSV file.

Setting debug=NULL will cause empty function objects to be created within the eWrapper object returned. This object can be treated as a template to implement only the methods that are needed. By default, all functions silently return the entire message they would normally parse. This includes *empty* functions created by setting debug to NULL.

eWrapper.data() allows for data states to be maintained from call to call, as an xts history of updates/messages is stored within the object. This is designed to minimize calling overhead by removing unneeded function calls from each message parsed.

Additional, but creating methods that update the internal environment of the eWrapper object, it is possible to maintain a snapshot of last k values for any field of interest. This is directly applicable to implementing an automated strategy from within a custom twsCALLBACK method.

Value

A list of functions [and optionally data] to be used for the eventWrapper argument to reqMktData and reqMktDepth

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Note

It is possible to also attach data to the closure object, allowing for a single in-memory object to contain current top of book data. This is exemplified in the eWrapper.MktData.CSV code, and can be extended in the user's own direction.

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See Also

twsCALLBACK, processMsg

Examples

```
myWrapper <- eWrapper()
str(myWrapper)
# remove tickPrice action
myWrapper$tickPrice <- function(msg, timestamp, file, ...) {}
# add new tickPrice action
myWrapper$tickPrice <- function(msg, timestamp, file, ...) { cat("tickPrice",msg) }
# add new data into the object, and retrieve
myWrapper$assign.Data("myData", 1010)
myWrapper$get.Data("myData")

## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
reqMktData(tws, twsSTK("SBUX"))
reqMktData(tws, twsSTK("SBUX"))
reqMktData(tws, twsSTK("SBUX"), eventWrapper=myWrapper)
twsDisconnect(tws)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

exerciseOptions

Exercise Options Contracts

Description

Send message to exercise option contracts.

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Usage

Arguments

twsconn A twsConnection object
contract A twsContract object
exerciseAction exercise=1 or lapse=2
exerciseQuantity

number of contracts to exercise

account IB account [institutional orders]

override override system's natural action. 0 for do not override, 1 for override

tickerId id for request

Details

Exercise option contract.

Value

Called for its side-effect.

Note

exch='SMART' is not valid in exerciseOptions calls. See the official API for further details.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#aad70a7b82ad3b5e7ae3e9f0b98

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processMsg	Main TWS-API Event Manager	

Description

Function to manage all incoming messages from the TWS in a consistent manner.

This is used within the context of an event loop (often twsCALLBACK) and allows for custom processing by message type via the eWrapper argument.

Usage

```
processMsg(curMsg, con, eWrapper, timestamp, file, twsconn, ...)
```

Arguments

curMsg The current incoming message

con a socket connection from a twsConnection

eWrapper a functional closure with methods for each message

timestamp the timestamp format needed the file or connection to write to

twsconn the twsConnection object

... additional arguments to internal calls

Details

This is used internally within the context of a larger infinite listener/loop.

The basic process involves one or more requests to the TWS for data/action, followed by a call to twsCALLBACK. Inside of the CALLBACK is a loop that fetches the incoming message type, and calls processMsg at each new message.

processMsg internally is a series of if-else statements that branch according to a known incoming message type. The eWrapper object is a closure containing a data environment that is static and a collection of callback functions for each type of incoming data.

This eWrapper function can be defined at multiple points prior to the use within processMsg, to allow for access to data outside of the processMsg call, as well as facilitate custom handling in an efficient manner.

Value

Called for its side-effects.

Note

The entire mechanism (twsCALLBACK -> processMsg -> eWrapper) is modeled after the official API.

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Author(s)

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```

References

```
Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com/
```

See Also

```
twsCALLBACK, eWrapper
```

reqAccountUpdates

Request Account Updates

Description

Request and view account details from Interactive Brokers

Usage

Arguments

conn	A twsConnection object
subscribe	subscribe (TRUE) or unsubscribe (FALSE)
acctCode	an account description - not used for most accounts
eventWrapper	message-level callback closure
CALLBACK	main receiver loop, if any
x	object to extract PortfolioValue from. See details.
zero.pos	should PortfolioValue include zero positions?
	additional args

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Details

By default, for non-FA accounts, this returns the current login's account information.

This main version returns a list of objects as returned by the TWS. .reqAccountUpdates sends the request to subscribe or cancel, but returns immediately. This is designed to be used within a larger custom callback routine, where the eventWrapper object passed to processMsg (see also) keeps trace of the portfolio updates in a consistent manner.

twsPortfolioValue extracts into a data.frame commonly used fields from all positions held. There are currently methods for the the default returned object of reqAccountUpdates.

Author(s)

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```

References

Interactive Brokers API: https://www.interactivebrokers.com

Examples

```
## Not run:
    tws <- twsConnect()

reqAccountUpdates(tws)  # this will return a AccountUpdate object
.reqAccountUpdates(tws)  # this will return immediately

.reqAccountUpdates(tws, FALSE)  # cancel the request
    cancelAccountUpdates(tws)  # the same

twsDisconnect(tes)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

reqContractDetails

Request Contract Details From TWS

Description

Returns an object (a list of class twsContractDetails objects) of IB contract details relating to a particular IB tradeable product.

Usage

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Arguments

```
conn a valid twsConnection

Contract a valid twsContract

reqId a unique ID

verbose be verbose?

eventWrapper event callback closure

CALLBACK main callback loop

be verbose?
```

Details

Returns a list of details for the product specified. See the TWS API for specifics at this point.

Value

A twsContractDetails object, or list of the same.

Author(s)

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```

References

Interactive Brokers https://www.interactivebrokers.com/

See Also

twsContract

Examples

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```
length(opt.details) #number of symbols passed e.g. 2
sapply(opt.details, length) # contracts per symbol
## End(Not run)
```

reqCurrentTime

Request The Current TWS Time

Description

Returns the current time from the TWS server, expressed as seconds since 1970-01-01 GMT.

Usage

```
reqCurrentTime(twsconn)
```

Arguments

twsconn

a valid tws connection object

Value

Seconds since 1970-01-01 GMT

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Interactive Brokers https://www.interactivebrokers.com

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
reqCurrentTime(tws)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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regHistoricalData

Request Historical Data From TWS

Description

Makes a request to the Interactive Brokers Trader Workstation (TWS), and returns an xts object containing the results of the request if successful.

Usage

Arguments

conn a twsConnection object
Contract a twsContract

endDateTime end date/time for request. See details.

barSize bar size to retrieve

duration time span the request will cover useRTH limited to regular trading hours whatToShow type of data to be extracted

timeFormat POSIX style or seconds from 1970-01-01

tzone time zone of the resulting intraday series (if applicable)

verbose should progress be documented

tickerId a unique id to associte with the request

eventHistoricalData

callback function to process data

file file to write data to

args to pass to reqHistoricalData

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Details

The reqHistory function is a simple wrapper to request maximal history from IB. It is meant to be used directly, or as a template for new wrappers.

All arguments should be character strings. Attempts will be made to coerce, but should not be relied upon.

The endDateTime argument must be of the form 'CCYYMMDD HH:MM:SS TZ'. If not specified the current time as returned from the TWS server will be used. This is the preferred method for backfilling data. The 'TZ' portion of the string is optional.

Legal barSize values are '1 secs', '5 secs', '15 secs', '30 mins', '1 min', '2 mins', '3 mins', '5 mins', '15 mins', '30 mins', '1 hour', '1 day', '1 week', '1 month', '3 months', and '1 year'.

Partial matching is attempted, but it is best to specify the barSize value exactly as they are given above. There is no guarantee from the API that all will work for all securities or durations.

The duration string must be of the form 'n u' where 'n' is an integer and 'u' is one of: 'S' (seconds), 'D' (days), 'W' (weeks), 'M' (months), or 'Y' (year). For example, '1 W' would return one week of data. At present the limit for years is 1.

useRTH takes either '1' or '0', indicating the request to return only regular trade hour data, or all data, respectively.

whatToShow can be any one of the following, though depending on the overall request it may not succeed. 'TRADES', 'MIDPOINT', 'BID', 'ASK', 'BID_ASK'.

time.format should simply be left alone. :D

eventHistoricalData accepts a user function to process the raw data returned by the TWS. This consists of a character vector that includes the first five elements of header information, with the fifth element specifying the number of rows in the results set. Passing NULL to eventHistoricalData will return the raw character vector. If nothing is specified, an xts object is returned.

The eventHistoricalData function, if any, is called after all data has been received by the client.

The file argument calls write.table to produce output suitable to reading in by read.csv. The file argument is passed to the write.table call, and if an empty string will return the output to the console.

The hasGaps column is converted automatically from (true, false) to 1 or 0, respectively.

Value

Returns an xts object containing the requested data, along with additional information stored in the objects xtsAttributes, unless callback or file is specified.

Note

The rules for historical data requests are somewhat vague. Not all symbols have data, and those that do may only be available with specific combinations of barSize and duration arguments. At present the only way to know is to try the combination in question.

There is a strictly enforced 10 seconds between request pacing rule implemented by the TWS. Keep this in mind. IBrokers currently does *not* manage this for the user via reqHistoricalData, though reqHistory does.

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Author(s)

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```

References

Interactive Brokers https://www.interactivebrokers.com

See Also

```
twsContract, twsConnect
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
contract <- twsEquity('QQQQ','SMART','ISLAND')

# by default retreives 30 days of daily data
reqHistoricalData(tws, Contract=contract)

# by default retreives a year of 1 minute bars
Sys.sleep(10) # mandatory 10s between request to avoid IB pacing violation
reqHistory(tws, Contract=contract)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

reqIds

Request Next Valid Id

Description

Get the next valid order ID for use with the TWS.

Usage

```
reqIds(conn, numIds = 1)
```

Arguments

conn a valid twsConnection object of class twsconn.

numIds currently ignored by the TWS.

Details

twsconn objects maintain the next valid id inside of the object, returning the current id, and incrementing by 1 with each call to reqIds.

For twsconn objects, reqIds and .reqIds results are identical.

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Value

A character representation of the next numeric ID.

Note

The TWS will keep track of order ids across connection ids and sessions. The values may be reset only as outlined by the official TWS documentation. IBrokers simply records and manages the data as recieved from the TWS upon initial connection. Each connection id will have a different order id associated with it.

Author(s)

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reqMktData

Request Market Data Feed from TWS

Description

Allows for streaming market data to be handled in R.

Usage

Arguments

conn a valid twsConnection or twsPlayback connection

Contract twsContract object(s) requested data for

tickGenerics a comman delimited string of generic tick types

snapshot should snapshot data be returned

tickerId the ticker id to associate with the returned data

timeStamp include R time stamps

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playback speed adjustment

file passed to internal cat calls. See associated help

verbose print diagnostics? eventWrapper eWrapper object

CALLBACK main reciever callback

... additional args

Details

This function provides R level access to market data streams as returned by the TWS API. The Interactive Brokers documentation should be reference for the exact meaning of the returned data.

timeStamps is unique to the R API in that each incoming signal will be marked with a (potentially) unique timestamp. Alternatively it is possible to pass a formatting string for use in format(Sys.time()). To suppress the time stamp set the argument to NULL. This is *not* sent by the TWS - merely prepended to the output by R.

Callbacks, via CALLBACK and eventWrapper are designed to allow for R level processing of the real-time data stream.

Each message received (each update to the market data) will invoke one the appropriately names eWrapper callback, depending on the message type. By default when nothing is specified, the code will call the default method for printing the results to the screen via cat.

Note that the use of the argument file will be passed to these cat calls, and therefore it will be possible to use the functionality of cat directly - e.g. piping output or writing to a connection. The simplest use of file would be to specify the name of a file to append the output of the stream to.

The CALLBACK argument is used for more control of the incoming results. This requires user-level error checking as well as TWS API interaction. It is here for advanced use and until documented should be left alone.

Value

The real-time market data from the TWS.

Note

As R is single threaded - this request will run until interupted by an error or by user action. Both will clean up after themselves when appropriate.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Interactive Brokers API: https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/index.html

See Also

twsCALLBACK, eWrapper, twsConnect, twsContract

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Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
contract <- twsEquity("QQQQ","SMART","ISLAND")
reqMktData(tws, contract)

# write to an open file connection
fh <- file('out.dat',open='a')
reqMktData(tws, contract, file=fh)
close(fh)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

reqMktDataType

Request Market Data Type from TWS

Description

Set the market data type with TWS

Usage

```
reqMktDataType(conn, mktDataType = 3)
```

Arguments

conn a valid twsConnection or twsPlayback connection

mktDataType market data type code

Details

This function sets the market data type that will be returned by TWS when reqMktData is called.

- 1 Real-time: Live data is streamed back in real time. Market data subscriptions are required to receive live market data.
- 2 Frozen: Market data is the last data recorded at market close. Frozen data requires TWS/IBG v.962 or higher and the same market data subscriptions necessary for real time streaming data.
- **3** Delayed: Market data 15-20 minutes behind real-time (depending on the exchange). Automatically use delayed data if user does not have a real-time subscription. Ignored if real-time data is available.
- 4 Delayed-frozen: Requests delayed "frozen" data for users without market data subscriptions.

Value

```
NULL (invisibly)
```

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Author(s)

Joshua M. Ulrich

References

Interactive Brokers API: https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/index.html

See Also

```
twsConnect, reqMktData
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
contract <- twsEquity("QQQQ","SMART","ISLAND")
# set market data type to 'delayed'
reqMktDataType(tws, 3)
reqMktData(tws, contract)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

reqMktDepth

Request Market Depth Feed from TWS

Description

Allows for streaming market depth (order book) data to be handled in R.

Usage

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Arguments

conn a valid twsConnection connection

Contract twsContract object(s) requested data for tickerId the ticker id to associate with the returned data

numRows depth of book

timeStamp include R time stamps
playback playback speed adjustment

file passed to internal cat calls. See associated help.

verbose print diagnostics?
eventWrapper callback closure
CALLBACK main reciever loop
additional args

Details

This function provides R level access to book data as returned by the TWS API. The Interactive Brokers documentation should be reference for the exact meaning of the returned data.

timeStamps is unique to the R API in that each incoming signal will be marked with a (potentially) unique timestamp. Alternatively it is possible to pass a formatting string for use in format(Sys.time()). To suppress the time stamp set the argument to NULL.

Callbacks, via eventUpdateMktDepth, eventUpdateMktDepthL2, or CALLBACK are designed to allow for R level processing of the real-time data stream.

The first two correspond to actions based upon the actual signal recieved. These may be user-defined functions taking the appropriate arguments. Each message recieved (each update to the market depth) will invoke one of these callbacks. By default when nothing is specified, the code will call the default method for printing the results to the screen via cat.

Note that the use of the argument file will be passed to these cat calls, and therefore it will be possible to use the functionality of cat directly - e.g. piping output or writing to a connection. The simplest use of file would be to specify the name of a file to append the output of the stream to.

The CALLBACK argument is used for more control of the incoming results. This requires user-level error checking as well as TWS API interaction. It is here for advanced use and until documented should be left alone.

Value

The book depth.

Note

As R is single threaded - this request will run until interupted by an error or by user action. Both will clean up after themselves when appropriate.

Author(s)

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References

Interactive Brokers API: https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/index.html

See Also

```
twsConnect.twsContract
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
contract <- twsEquity("QQQQ","SMART","ISLAND")
reqMktDepth(tws, contract)

# write to a file
reqMktDepth(tws, contract, file='out.dat')

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

reqNewsBulletins

Subscribe or Unsubscribe To News Bulletins

Description

Subscription start and end methods for the API.

Usage

```
reqNewsBulletins(twsconn, allMsgs=TRUE)
cancelNewsBulletins(twsconn)
```

Arguments

twsconn A twsConnection object

allMsgs Should all existing bulletins be returned (TRUE), or just new ones?

Details

Calling reqNewsBulletins will start a subscription via the API. This will continue and incoming messages will be handled by eWrapper 'updateNewBulletin' method. Bulletins are cancelled by calling the cancel version.

Value

Called for its side-effects.

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Note

This is not "news" per se, it is a subscription to the API bulletins.

Author(s)

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References

https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#a286458a8be7d3b37f0d94fe61b

reqRealTimeBars

Request Real Time Bars from TWS

Description

Allows for streaming real-time bars to be handled in R

Usage

Arguments

a valid twsConnection or twsPlayback object conn Contract twsContract object(s) requested tickerId the ticker id to associate with the returned bars whatToShow what to show barSize bar size - currently on 5 secs is TWS supported playback playback speed adjustment useRTH regular trading hours (logical) file passed to internal cat calls. See associated help. reqRealTimeBars 25

verbose print diagnostics
eventWrapper eventWrapper object
CALLBACK main reciever callback
... additional args to callback

Details

This function provides R level access to real time (5 second) bars returned by the TWS API. The Interactive Brokers documentation should be reference for the exact meaning of the returned data.

If the conn is a connection of data to be played back all other arguments are ignores, except for playback, which is a multiplier of the bar size in seconds. To force all data to be read without pause set this to 0.

Callbacks, via eventRealTimeBars and CALLBACK are designed to allow for R level processing of the real-time data stream.

eventWrapper allows for direct manipulation of the actual signal recieved. These may be userdefined functions taking the appropriate arguments. Each message recieved (each new bar) will invoke one of this callback. By default when nothing is specified, the code will call the default method for printing the results to the screen via 'cat'.

Note that the use of the argument 'file' will be passed to these 'cat' calls, and therefore it will be possible to use the functionality of 'cat' directly - e.g. piping output or writing to a connection. The simplest use of file would be to specify the name of a file, or open connection to append the output of the stream to.

The 'CALLBACK' argument is used for more control of the incoming results. This requires user-level error checking as well as TWS API interaction. It is here for advanced use and until documented should be left alone.

Value

The real-time bar data requested.

Note

As R is single threaded - this request will run until interupted by an error or by user action. Both will clean up after themselves when appropriate.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Interactive Brokers TWS API https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/index.html

See Also

twsConnect,twsContract,eWrapper

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Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
contract <- twsEquity("QQQQ","SMART","ISLAND")
reqRealTimeBars(tws, contract)

# write to an open file connection
fh <- file('out.dat',open='a')
reqRealTimeBars(tws, contract, file=fh)
close(fh)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

setServerLogLevel

Enable API Logging Via TWS

Description

Set level of API logging to be done by TWS.

Usage

```
setServerLogLevel(conn, logLevel = 2)
```

Arguments

conn a valid twsConnection logLevel an integer from 1 to 5

Details

Calling this function will set the logging level for the current connection according to the following table:

- 1. 1:SYSTEM (least detail)
- 2. 2:ERROR (default)
- 3. 3:WARNING
- 4. 4:INFORMATION
- 5. 5:DETAIL (most detail)

See TWS documentation for further details.

Value

This function is called for its side-effects.

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Note

The online documentation warns of performance overhead when setting logLevel=5.

Author(s)

```
Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

TWS API Logging https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/support.html#tws_logs https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1EClient.html#a62ed6f4f391c86743c566d44c2

twsCALLBACK

Internal Data Callback Routine

Description

twsCALLBACK is the primary function that is called after a request for data is sent. Within this call messages are received from the TWS, processed, and further actions can be handled.

Usage

```
twsCALLBACK(twsCon, eWrapper, timestamp, file, playback = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

twsCon a twsConnection object

eWrapper a closure created by eWrapper()

timestamp a logical indicating if timestamps should be created

file the file or connection to write to
playback is this a live or playback connection
additional arguments to internal calls

Details

This function is used as the primary management tool within all data calls built into IBrokers.

It works as is, or can be modified to manage unique data and trading requirements.

The general logic of the function is to recieve the header to each incoming message from the TWS. This then gets passed to the processMsg function, along with the eWrapper object.

The eWrapper object can maintain state data (prices), and has functions for managing all incoming message types from the TWS.

Once the processMsg call returns, another cycle of the infinite loop occurs.

If the eWrapper object is used to maintain state information, it is possible to access this information from outside of the processMsg call, and thus be able to apply trade logic based upon the data acquired from the TWS.

An example will soon be available in the vignettes included in the package.

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Value

No value is returned. This function is called for its side effects.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

See Also

eWrapper

twsConnect

Establish, Check or Terminate a Connection to TWS or IBG

Description

Functions to initiate, check, or disconnect from the Trader Workstation (TWS) or IB Gateway (IBG).

Usage

Arguments

clientId	the unique client id to associate with
host	the host server
port	the port that the TWS is listening on
verbose	should the connection attempt be verbose
timeout	length in seconds before aborting attempt
filename	file containing recorded TWS data
blocking	should a blocking connection be established. See details.
twsconn	a valid twsConnection object
x	a connection to be checked

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Details

Returns a twsConnection object for use in subsequent TWS API calls. Attempting to create another connection to the server with the same clientId will result in an error.

If filename is set to a file containing data recorded in the standard TWS format - calls using this connection will playback the recorded data.

While the **IBrokers** package is fully cross-platform, the behavior of sockets varies by operating system implementation. In general, setting blocking=TRUE on Windows (the default on Windows) results in more consistent and reliable connections. This option is only exposed to enable debugging of platform differences and optimization - and is not intended to be altered except in those cases.

Value

A twsconn object.

Note

While it is not strictly required to disconnect via twsDisconnect it is probably advisable.

If not set options(digits.secs=6) will be called internally to properly represent on screen the R based timestamps.

Author(s)

```
Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

```
Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
tws <- twsConnect()
twsDisconnect(tws)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

twsConnectionTime

TWS API Utility Functions

Description

General API utility functions.

Usage

```
twsConnectionTime(con)
serverVersion(con)
```

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Arguments

con

a twsConnection object

Details

This is simply extracted from the twsConnection object. No API request is made.

Value

The requested value.

Author(s)

```
Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

```
Interactive Brokers LLC https://www.interactivebrokers.com/
```

See Also

twsConnect

Examples

```
## Not run:
twsConnectionTime(con)
serverVersion(con)
## End(Not run)
```

twsContract

Create a twsContract

Description

Create, test, and coerce a twsContract for use in API calls.

Usage

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```
right,
local,
multiplier,
combo_legs_desc,
comboleg,
include_expired,
secIdType = "",
secId = "",
tradingClass = ""
)

is.twsContract(x)
as.twsContract(x, ...)
```

Arguments

the IB contract ID conId the IB symbol requested symbol the security type sectype exch the requested exchange primary the primary exchange of the security expiry the expiration date strike the strike price the requested currency currency right the requested right local the local security name multiplier the contract multiplier combo_legs_desc not implemented yet not implemented yet comboleg include_expired should expired contracts be included secIdType unique identifier for secIdType secId security identifier: ISIN, CUSIP, SEDOL, RIC tradingClass trading class name for this contract. Available in TWS contract description window as well. For example, the trading class for GBL Dec '13 future's is "FGBL". object to test or coerce Х additional arguments

Details

These are directly from the TWS API. See that help until I can find time to fill in this one.

More useful for specific requests are twsEquity, twsOption, twsBond, twsFuture, and twsCurrency.

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Value

A twsContract object.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

```
Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com
```

See Also

```
reqHistoricalData
```

Examples

twsCurrency

Create a twsCurrency

Description

Create a twsCurrency for use in API calls.

Usage

Arguments

```
symbol the IB symbol requested currency the requested currency exch the requested exchange
```

primary the primary exchange of the security

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strike the strike price right the requested right

local the local security name

multiplier the contract multiplier

 $include_expired$

should expired contracts be included

conId contract ID

Details

A wrapper to twsContract to make 'currency/FX' contracts easier to specify. twsCASH is an alias.

Value

A twsContract object.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com

See Also

reqHistoricalData, twsContract

Examples

```
currency <- twsCurrency("EUR")</pre>
```

twsEquity

Create a twsEquity

Description

Create a twsEquity for use in API calls.

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Usage

Arguments

symbol the IB symbol requested

exch the requested exchange (defaults to 'SMART')

primary the primary exchange of the security

strike the strike price

currency the requested currency right the requested right local the local security name multiplier the contract multiplier

 $include_expired$

should expired contracts be included

conId contract ID

Details

A wrapper to twsContract to make 'equity' contracts easier to specify. twsSTK is an alias.

Value

A twsContract object.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com

See Also

reqHistoricalData, twsContract

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Examples

```
equity <- twsEquity("AAPL", "SMART", "ISLAND")</pre>
```

twsFuture

Create a twsFuture Contract

Description

Create a twsFuture contract for use in API calls.

Usage

Arguments

```
the IB symbol requested
symbol
                  the requested exchange
exch
                  the requested contract expiration
expiry
primary
                  the primary exchange of the security
currency
                  the requested currency
                  the requested right
right
                  the local security name
local
multiplier
                  the contract multiplier
include_expired
                  should expired contracts be included
conId
                  contract ID
```

Details

A wrapper to twsContract to make 'futures' contracts easier to specify. twsFUT is an alias.

Value

A twsContract object.

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Author(s)

```
Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

```
Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com
```

See Also

```
reqHistoricalData, twsContract
```

Examples

```
future <- twsFuture("NQ", "GLOBEX", "200803")</pre>
```

twsOption

Create a twsContract for Options

Description

Create a twsContract for use in API calls.

Usage

Arguments

local	the IB symbol requested
expiry	option expiration CCYYMM [optional]
strike	the strike price [optional]
right	the requested right - 'C','CALL', 'P', or 'PUT' [optional]
exch	the requested exchange [optional, defaults to SMART]
primary	the primary exchange of the security [optional]
currency	the requested currency [defaults to USD]

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symbol the security name [optional]
multiplier the contract multiplier

include_expired

should expired contracts be included [defaults to "0" (false)]

conId contract ID

Details

A wrapper to twsContract to make 'option' contracts easier to specify.

Some of the optionable parameters are contingent on the request being made. Refer to the *TWS* documentation for details.

twsOPT is an alias.

Value

A twsContract object.

Note

Option contracts on the TWS have certain rules which are different than standard data requests.

The local symbol is required. This can be found on the main TWS screen under contract details, or via the web at https://www.interactivebrokers.com

Since the local symbol is required, all other values are redundant. It is best to simply specify the local name and let the TWS manage the lookup.

The expiry needs to be either of class Date to be coerced to a string of format 'CCYYMM', or provided in that format.

Historical requests cannot be for a barSize='1 D' or less frequent.

barSize must be "1 min" per Interactive Brokers API.

Author(s)

```
Jeffrey A. Ryan
```

References

```
Interactive Brokers: https://www.interactivebrokers.com
```

See Also

```
reqMktData, twsContract
```

Examples

```
opt <- twsOption("QQQAS",expiry="200901", strike="45.0", right="C")</pre>
```

tws0rder

Create twsOrder Object

Description

Create twsOrder object for placeOrder API call.

Usage

```
twsOrder(orderId,
         action = "BUY",
         totalQuantity = "10",
         orderType = "LMT",
         lmtPrice = "0.0",
         auxPrice = "0.0",
         tif = "",
         outsideRTH = "0",
         openClose = "0",
         origin = .twsOrderID$CUSTOMER,
         ocaGroup = "",
         account = "",
         orderRef = "",
         transmit = TRUE,
         parentId = "0",
         blockOrder = "0",
         sweepToFill = "0",
         displaySize = "0",
         triggerMethod = "0",
         hidden = 0,
         discretionaryAmt = "0.0",
         goodAfterTime = "",
         goodTillDate = "",
         faGroup = "",
         faMethod = "",
         faPercentage = "",
         faProfile = "",
         shortSaleSlot = "0",
         designatedLocation = .twsOrderID$EMPTY_STR,
         ocaType = "0",
         rule80A = "",
         settlingFirm = "",
         clearingAccount = ""
         clearingIntent = "",
         allOrNone = "0",
         minQty = "",
         percentOffset = "",
         eTradeOnly = "0",
```

```
firmQuoteOnly = "0",
nbboPriceCap = "",
auctionStrategy = "0",
startingPrice = "",
stockRefPrice = "".
delta = "",
stockRangeLower = "",
stockRangeUpper = "",
overridePercentageConstraints = "0",
volatility = "",
volatilityType = "",
deltaNeutralOrderType = "",
deltaNeutralAuxPrice = "",
continuousUpdate = "0",
referencePriceType = "",
trailStopPrice = "",
basisPoints = "",
basisPointsType = "",
scaleInitLevelSize = ""
scaleSubsLevelSize = "",
scalePriceIncrement = ""
notHeld = FALSE,
algoStrategy = ""
algoParams = NULL,
whatIf = FALSE,
clientId = "",
permId = "",
exemptCode = "-1",
hedgeType = "",
hedgeParam = "",
optOutSmartRouting = FALSE,
scaleTable = "",
activeStartTime = ""
activeStopTime = "",
trailingPercent = ""
deltaNeutralConId = "0",
deltaNeutralSettlingFirm = "",
deltaNeutralClearingAccount = ""
deltaNeutralClearingIntent = "",
deltaNeutralOpenClose = "",
deltaNeutralShortSale = "0",
deltaNeutralShortSaleSlot = "0",
deltaNeutralDesignatedLocation = "",
scalePriceAdjustValue = "0",
scalePriceAdjustInterval = "0",
scaleProfitOffset = "0",
scaleAutoReset = "0",
scaleInitPosition = "0",
```

```
scaleInitFillQty = "0",
scaleRandomPercent = "0",
smartComboRoutingParams = NULL,
smartComboRoutingParamsCount = "0",
orderComboLegs = NULL,
orderComboLegsCount = "0",
comboLegs = NULL,
comboLegsCount = "0",
orderMiscOptions = NULL
)
```

Arguments

orderId The id for the order. Use regIds.

action Identifies the side. (BUY, SELL, SSHORT)

totalQuantity Order quantity.

orderType Order type. (MKT, MKTCLS, LMT, LMTCLS, PEGMKT, SCALE, STP, STPLMT,

TRAIL, REL, VWAP, TRAILLIMIT)

1mtPrice The *LIMIT* price for LMT, STPLMT and REL orderType

auxPrice The STOP price for STPLMT (stop-limit) orders, and the offset for REL (rela-

tive) orders

tif Time in force. (DAY, GTC, IOC, GTD)

outsideRTH Allow orders to trigger outside of regular trading hours.

openClose Specify whether order is open or close only. (Institutional Accounts Only)

origin The order origin. 0=customer, 1=firm (Institutional Accounts Only)

ocaGroup Identifies OCA group.

account The account (Institutional Accounts Only)

orderRef The order reference (Institutional Accounts Only)

transmit Specify whether the order is transmitted to the TWS. If FALSE, order is created

but not sent. (not implemented)

parentId The orderId of the parent order, used for bracket and auto trailing stop orders.

blockOrder ISE block order? sweepToFill Sweep to fill order?

displaySize Publicly disclosed order size for Iceberg orders.

triggerMethod How should simulated orders be triggered. Valid values are 0-8. See the official

API for details.

hidden Hide order on ISLAND?

discretionaryAmt

Amount off limit for discretionary orders.

goodAfterTime Trades Good After Time: YYYYMMDD hh:mm:ss or ""
goodTillDate Trades Good Till Date: YYYYMMDD hh:mm:ss or ""

faGroup NA

faMethod NA
faPercentage NA
faProfile NA
shortSaleSlot 1 or 2
designatedLocation

Only when shortSaleSlot=2

ocaType Cancel on Fill with Block = 1 Reduce on Fill with Block = 2 Reduce on Fill

without Block = 3

rule80A Valid values: I, A, W, J, U, M, K, Y, N. See API.

settlingFirm (Institutional Only)

clearingAccount

IBExecution customers only.

clearingIntent IBExecution customers only.

allOrNone yes=1, no=0

minQty Minimum quantity order type.

percentOffset Percent offset for REL (relative) orders. eTradeOnly Trade with electronic quotes. yes=1, no=0.

firmQuoteOnly Trade with firm quotes. yes=1, no=0.

nbboPriceCap The maximum Smart order distance from the NBBO.

auctionStrategy

BOX only. See API.

startingPrice BOX only. See API.

stockRefPrice The stock reference price. VOL orders. See API.

delta BOX only. See API.

stockRangeLower

See API.

stockRangeUpper

See API.

override Percentage Constraints

See API.

volatility See API.

volatilityType See API.

 ${\tt deltaNeutralOrderType}$

See API.

deltaNeutralAuxPrice

See API.

continuous Up date

See API.

referencePriceType

See API.

trailStopPrice For TRAILLIMIT orders only.

basisPoints EFP orders only.

basisPointsType

EFP orders only.

scaleInitLevelSize

For Scale orders. See API.

scaleSubsLevelSize

For Scale orders. See API.

scalePriceIncrement

For Scale orders. See API.

notHeld See API and guess.
algoStrategy See API and guess.
algoParams See API and guess.

whatIf Use to request pre-trade commissions and margin information. TRUE/FALSE

clientId Id of the client that placed the order.

permId TWS id used to identify orders. Constant over a session.

exemptCode Mark order as exempt from short sale uptick rule.

hedgeType For hedge orders. Possible values include: D=delta, B=beta, F=FX, P=Pair

hedgeParam Beta = x for Beta hedge orders, ratio = y for Pair hedge order

optOutSmartRouting

Use to opt out of default SmartRouting for orders routed directly to ASX. This attribute defaults to false unless explicitly set to true. When set to false, orders routed directly to ASX will NOT use SmartRouting. When set to true, orders

routed directly to ASX orders WILL use SmartRouting.

scaleTable Used for scale orders

activeStartTime

for GTC orders

activeStopTime for GTC orders

trailingPercent

Specifies the trailing amount of a trailing stop order as a percentage. See the API docs for guidelines.

deltaNeutralConId

See API docs

deltaNeutralSettlingFirm

See API docs

deltaNeutralClearingAccount

See API docs

deltaNeutralClearingIntent

See API docs

deltaNeutralOpenClose

Specifies whether the order is an Open or a Close order and is used when the hedge involves a CFD and and the order is clearing away.

deltaNeutralShortSale

Used when the hedge involves a stock and indicates whether or not it is sold short.

deltaNeutralShortSaleSlot

Has a value of 1 (the clearing broker holds shares) or 2 (delivered from a third party). If you use 2, then you must specify a deltaNeutralDesignatedLocation.

deltaNeutralDesignatedLocation

Used only when deltaNeutralShortSaleSlot = 2.

scalePriceAdjustValue

For extended Scale orders

scalePriceAdjustInterval

For extended Scale orders

scaleProfitOffset

For extended Scale orders

scaleAutoReset For extended Scale orders

scaleInitPosition

For extended Scale order

scaleInitFillQty

For extended Scale orders

scaleRandomPercent

For extended Scale orders

smartComboRoutingParams

Advanced parameters for Smart combo routing.

smartComboRoutingParamsCount

Number of parameters

orderComboLegs List of Per-leg price following the same sequence combo legs are added. The combo price must be left unspecified when using per-leg prices.

order Combo Legs Count

Number of parameters

comboLegs See API docs

comboLegsCount See API docs

orderMiscOptions

See API docs

Details

Read the API documentation, code, and experiment with the paper accounts. And good luck!

Value

Called for its side-effects.

Note

Documentation is far from complete on this topic. Experiment and share your experiences.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

Order API: https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/order_management.html

See Also

placeOrder

twsScannerSubscription

Create ScannerSubscription

Description

Create an object for use with reqScannerSubscription and .reqScannerSubscription.

Usage

```
twsScannerSubscription(numberOfRows = -1,
                       instrument = "",
                       locationCode = ""
                       scanCode = "",
                       abovePrice = ""
                       belowPrice = ""
                       aboveVolume = "",
                       averageOptionVolumeAbove = "",
                       marketCapAbove = ""
                       marketCapBelow = ""
                       moodyRatingAbove = ""
                       moodyRatingBelow = "",
                       spRatingAbove = "",
                       spRatingBelow = "",
                       maturityDateAbove = ""
                       maturityDateBelow = "",
                       couponRateAbove = "",
                       couponRateBelow = ""
                       excludeConvertible = ""
                       scannerSettingPairs = ""
                       stockTypeFilter = "")
```

Arguments

numberOfRows Number of rows of scanner results returned

instrument A character string of STK, ...

locationCode A character string of STK.NA, STK.US, STK.US.MAJOR, ...

scanCode One of the available scans. See details

abovePrice Price to filter above

belowPrice Price to filter below aboveVolume Volume to filter above averageOptionVolumeAbove Average option volume above this marketCapAbove Market cap to filter above marketCapBelow Market cap to filter below moodyRatingAbove Moody rating to filter above moodyRatingBelow Moody rating to filter below spRatingAbove S&P rating to filter above spRatingBelow S&P rating to filter below maturityDateAbove Maturity date to filter above maturityDateBelow Maturity date to filter below couponRateAbove Coupon rate to filter above couponRateBelow Coupon rate to filter below excludeConvertible scannerSettingPairs stockTypeFilter "ALL"?

Details

By necessity, design, or otherwise - scanner data is difficult to correctly use at the API level. The valid values and some small examples are returned by the API using the related reqScannerParameters function. The XML returned by that call isn't very clear in its value or purpose though.

Value

A (potentially) valid twsScannerSubscription object for reqScannerSubscription calls.

Note

Further documentation will be forthcoming. Users are encouraged to email use cases to make for better documentation.

Author(s)

Jeffrey A. Ryan

References

 $\verb|https://interactivebrokers.github.io/tws-api/classIBApi_1_1S canner Subscription. \\ \verb|html||$

See Also

 ${\tt reqScannerSubscription},$

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