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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/brodieG/vetr>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/brodieG/vetr/issues>

abstract*Turn S3 Objects Into Templates*

Description

Create templates for use by [alike](#). Currently somewhat experimental; behavior may change in future.

Usage

```
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
abstract(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'array'
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'lm'
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'environment'
abstract(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ts'
abstract(x, what = c("start", "end", "frequency"), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	the object to abstract
<code>...</code>	arguments for methods that require further arguments
<code>what</code>	for time series which portion of the <code>ts</code> attribute to abstract, by default all three are abstracted, but you can select, any one, two, or all

Details

`abstract` is intended to create templates for use by [alike](#). The result of abstraction is often a partially specified object. This type of object may not be suited for use in typical R computations

and may cause errors (or worse) if you try to use them as normal R objects.

There is no guarantee that the abstracted object is suitable for use as a template to `alike` as is. You may need to modify it further so that it suits your purposes.

`abstract` is an S3 generic. The default method will dispatch on implicit classes, so if you attempt to `abstract` an object without an explicit `abstract` method, it will get abstracted based on its implicit class. If you define your own `abstract` method and do not wish further abstraction based on implicit classes do not use `NextMethod`.

S4 and RC objects are returned unchanged.

Value

abstracted object

Time Series

`abstract` replaces the "tsp" attribute with a "tsp_vetr" attribute with the components specified in what set to zero. `alike` will treat it as a "tsp" attribute except that the zero components become wild-cards. If you manually create a template object with both "tsp" and "tsp_vetr" attributes, "tsp_vetr" is treated as a regular attribute. `vetr` does not consider whether the "ts" class is also set when attributing special semantics to the "tsp". The "tsp_vetr" attribute is required because R does not permit 0 values in "tsp". Prior to R4.6.0 and `vetr` 2.20, `vetr` constructed a "tsp" attribute with zeroes, but it no longer does that.

Examples

```
iris.tpl <- abstract(iris)
alike(iris.tpl, iris[1:10, ])
alike(iris.tpl, transform(iris, Species=as.character(Species)))

abstract(1:10)
abstract(matrix(1:9, nrow=3))
abstract(list(1:9, runif(10)))
```

Description

Similar to `all.equal`, but compares object structure rather than value. The `target` argument defines a template that the `current` argument must match.

Usage

```
alike(target, current, env = parent.frame(), settings = NULL)
```

Arguments

target	the template to compare the object to
current	the object to determine alikeness of to the template
env	environment used internally when evaluating expressions; currently used only when looking up functions to <code>match.call</code> when testing language objects, note that this will be overridden by the environment specified in <code>settings</code> if any, defaults to the parent frame.
settings	a list of settings generated using <code>vetr_settings</code> , <code>NULL</code> for default

Value

TRUE if target and current are alike, character(1L) describing why they are not if they are not

alikeness

Generally speaking two objects are alike if they are of the same type (as determined by `type_alike`) and length. `type_alike` has special treatment for integer-like numerics and function-like objects.

Attributes on the objects are required to be recursively alike, though the following attributes are treated specially: `class`, `dim`, `dimnames`, `names`, `row.names`, `levels`, `tsp`, and `srcref`.

Exactly what makes two objects alike is complex, but should be intuitive. The best way to understand "alikeness" is to review the examples. For a thorough exposition see [the vignette](#).

Note

The semantics of alikeness for language objects, formulas, and functions may change in the future.

See Also

[type_alike](#), [type_of](#), [abstract](#), [vetr_settings](#) for more control of settings

Examples

```
## Type comparison
alike(1L, 1.0)      # TRUE, because 1.0 is integer-like
alike(1L, 1.1)      # FALSE, 1.1 is not integer-like
alike(1.1, 1L)      # TRUE, by default, integers are always considered real

alike(1:100, 1:100 + 0.0) # TRUE

## We do not check numerics for integerness if longer than 100
alike(1:101, 1:101 + 0.0)

## Scalarness can now be checked at same time as type
alike(integer(1L), 1)      # integer-like and length 1?
alike(logical(1L), TRUE)    # logical and length 1?
alike(integer(1L), 1:3)
alike(logical(1L), c(TRUE, TRUE))

## Zero length match any length of same type
```

```

alike(integer(), 1:10)
alike(1:10, integer())  # but not the other way around

## Recursive objects compared recursively
alike(
  list(integer(), list(character(), logical(1L))),
  list(1:10, list(letters, TRUE)))
)
alike(
  list(integer(), list(character(), logical(1L))),
  list(1:10, list(letters, c(TRUE, FALSE))))
)

## `NULL` is a wild card when nested within recursive objects
alike(list(NULL, NULL), list(iris, mtcars))
alike(NULL, mtcars)  # but not at top level

## Since `data.frame` are lists, we can compare them recursively:
iris.fake <- transform(iris, Species=as.character(Species))
alike(iris, iris.fake)

## we even check attributes (factor levels must match)!
iris.fake2 <- iris
levels(iris.fake2$Species) <- c("setosa", "versicolor", "africana")
alike(iris, iris.fake2)

## We can use partially specified objects as templates
iris.tpl <- abstract(iris)
str(iris.tpl)
alike(iris.tpl, iris)
## any row sample of iris matches our iris template
alike(iris.tpl, iris[sample(1:nrow(iris), 10), ])
## but column order matters
alike(iris.tpl, iris[c(2, 1, 3, 4, 5)])

## 3 x 3 integer
alike(matrix(integer(), 3, 3), matrix(1:9, nrow=3))
## 3 x 3, but not integer!
alike(matrix(integer(), 3, 3), matrix(runif(9), nrow=3))
## partial spec, any 3 row integer matrix
alike(matrix(integer(), 3), matrix(1:12, nrow=3))
alike(matrix(integer(), 3), matrix(1:12, nrow=4))
## Any logical matrix (but not arrays)
alike(matrix(logical()), array(rep(TRUE, 8), rep(2, 3)))

## In order for objects to be alike, they must share a family
## tree, not just a common class
obj.tpl <- structure(TRUE, class=letters[1:3])
obj.cur.1 <- structure(TRUE, class=c("x", letters[1:3]))
obj.cur.2 <- structure(TRUE, class=c(letters[1:3], "x"))

alike(obj.tpl, obj.cur.1)
alike(obj.tpl, obj.cur.2)

```

```

## You can compare language objects; these are alike if they are self
## consistent; we don't care what the symbols are, so long as they are used
## consistently across target and current:

## TRUE, symbols are consistent (adding two different symbols)
alike(quote(x + y), quote(a + b))
## FALSE, different function
alike(quote(x + y), quote(a - b))
## FALSE, inconsistent symbols
alike(quote(x + y), quote(a + a))

```

all_bw*Verify Values in Vector are Between Two Others*

Description

Similar to `isTRUE(all(x >= lo & x <= hi))` with default settings, except that it is substantially faster and returns a string describing the first encountered violation rather than FALSE on failure.

Usage

```
all_bw(x, lo = -Inf, hi = Inf, na.rm = FALSE, bounds = "[]")
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	vector logical (treated as integer), integer, numeric, or character. Factors are treated as their underlying integer vectors.
<code>lo</code>	scalar vector of type coercible to the type of <code>x</code> , cannot be NA, use <code>-Inf</code> to indicate unbounded (default).
<code>hi</code>	scalar vector of type coercible to the type of <code>x</code> , cannot be NA, use <code>Inf</code> to indicate unbounded (default), must be greater than or equal to <code>lo</code> .
<code>na.rm</code>	TRUE, or FALSE (default), whether NAs are considered to be in bounds. Unlike with <code>all()</code> , for <code>all_bw</code> <code>na.rm=FALSE</code> returns an error string if there are NAs instead of NA. Arguably NA, but not NaN, should be considered to be in $[-\text{Inf}, \text{Inf}]$, but since $\text{NA} < \text{Inf}$ is NA we treat them as always being out of bounds.
<code>bounds</code>	character(1L) for values between <code>lo</code> and <code>hi</code> : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “[]” include <code>lo</code> and <code>hi</code> “()” exclude <code>lo</code> and <code>hi</code> “(]” exclude <code>lo</code>, include <code>hi</code> “[)” include <code>lo</code>, exclude <code>hi</code>

Details

You can modify the comparison to be strictly greater/less than via the bounds parameter, and the treatment of NAs with `na.rm`. Note that NAs are considered to be out of bounds by default. While technically incorrect since we cannot know whether an NA value is in or out of bounds, this assumption is both conservative and convenient. Zero length `x` will always succeed.

If `x` and `lo/hi` are different types, `lo/hi` will be coerced to the type of `x`. When `lo/hi` are numeric and `x` is integer, if `lo/hi` values are outside of the integer range then that side will be treated as if you had used `-Inf/Inf`. `-Inf` and `Inf` mean `lo` and `hi` will be unbounded for all data types.

Value

TRUE if all values in `x` conform to the specified bounds, a string describing the first position that fails otherwise

Examples

```
all_bw(runif(100), 0, 1)
all_bw(runif(100) * 2, 0, 1)
all_bw(NA, 0, 1)           # This is does not return NA
all_bw(NA, 0, 1, na.rm=TRUE)

vec <- c(runif(100, 0, 1e12), Inf, 0)
all_bw(vec, 0)      # All +ve numbers
all_bw(vec, hi=0)   # All -ve numbers
all_bw(vec, 0, bounds="[]") # All strictly +ve nums
all_bw(vec, 0, bounds="[]") # All finite +ve nums
```

Description

Evaluates provided expression in a loop and reports mean evaluation time. This is inferior to `microbenchmark` and other benchmarking tools in many ways except that it has zero dependencies or suggests which helps with package build and test times. Used in vignettes.

Usage

```
bench_mark(..., times = 1000L, deparse.width = 40)
```

Arguments

<code>...</code>	expressions to benchmark, are captured unevaluated
<code>times</code>	how many times to loop, defaults to 1000
<code>deparse.width</code>	how many characters to deparse for labels

Details

Runs [gc\(\)](#) before each expression is evaluated. Expressions are evaluated in the order provided. Attempts to estimate the overhead of the loop by running a loop that evaluates NULL the times times.

Unfortunately because this computes the average of all iterations it is very susceptible to outliers in small sample runs, particularly with fast running code. For that reason the default number of iterations is one thousand.

Value

NULL, invisibly, reports timings as a side effect as screen output

Examples

```
bench_mark(runif(1000), Sys.sleep(0.001), times=10)
```

nullify

Set Element to NULL Without Removing It

Description

This function is required because there is no straightforward way to over-write a value in a list with NULL without completely removing the entry from the list as well.

Usage

```
nullify(obj, index)  
## Default S3 method:  
nullify(obj, index)
```

Arguments

obj	the R object to NULL a value in
index	an indexing vectors of values to NULL

Details

This returns a copy of the object modified with null slots; it does not modify the input argument.

Default method will attempt to convert non-list objects to lists with [as.list](#), and then back to whatever they were by using a function with name `paste0("as.", class(obj)[[1L]])` if it exists and works. If the object cannot be coerced back to its original type the corresponding list will be returned.

If this is not appropriate for your object type you can write an S3 method for it.

Value

object with selected values NULLified

Note

attributes are copied from original object and re-applied to final object before return, which may not make sense in some circumstances.

Examples

```
nullify(list(1, 2, 3), 2)
nullify(call("fun", 1, 2, 3), 2)
```

type_of

Fuzzily Compare Types of Objects

Description

Type evaluation and comparison is carried out with special treatment for numerics, integers, and function types. Whole number NA-free numeric vectors of sufficiently short length (<100 by default) representable in the integer type are considered to be type integer. Closures, built-ins, and specials are all treated as type closure.

Usage

```
type_of(object)

type_alike(target, current, settings = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	the object to check the type of
<code>target</code>	the object to test type alikeness against
<code>current</code>	the object to test the type alikeness of
<code>settings</code>	NULL, or a list as produced by vetr_settings()

Details

Specific behavior can be tuned with the `type.mode` parameter to the [vetr_settings\(\)](#) object passed as the `settings` parameter to this function.

Value

For `type_of` character(1L) the type of the object, for `type_alike` either TRUE, or a string describing why the types are not alike.

See Also

[alike\(\)](#), [vetr_settings\(\)](#), in particular the section about the `type.mode` parameter which affects how this function behaves.

Examples

```
type_of(1.0001)      # numeric
type_of(1.0)         # integer (`typeof` returns numeric)
type_of(1)           # integer (`typeof` returns numeric)
type_of(sum)         # closure (`typeof` returns builtin)
type_of(`$`)         # closure (`typeof` returns special)

type_alike(1L, 1)
type_alike(1L, 1.1)
type_alike(integer(), numeric(100))
type_alike(integer(), numeric(101)) # too long
```

Description

Use vetting expressions to enforce structural requirements and/or evaluate test conditions for truth. tev is identical to vet except with reversed arguments for pipe based workflows.

Usage

```
vet(
  target,
  current,
  env = parent.frame(),
  format = "text",
  stop = FALSE,
  settings = NULL
)

tev(
  current,
  target,
  env = parent.frame(),
  format = "text",
  stop = FALSE,
  settings = NULL
)
```

Arguments

target	a template, a vetting expression, or a compound expression
current	an object to vet
env	the environment to match calls and evaluate vetting expressions in; will be ignored if an environment is also specified via vetr_settings() . Defaults to calling frame.
format	character(1L), controls the format of the return value for <code>vet</code> , in case of failure. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "text": (default) character(1L) message for use elsewhere in code • "full": character(1L) the full error message used in "stop" mode, but actually returned instead of thrown as an error • "raw": character(N) least processed version of the error message with none of the formatting or surrounding verbiage
stop	TRUE or FALSE whether to call stop() on failure or not (default)
settings	a settings list as produced by vetr_settings() , or NULL to use the default settings

Value

TRUE if validation succeeds, otherwise varies according to value chosen with parameter `stop`

Vetting Expressions

Vetting expressions can be template tokens, standard tokens, or any expression built with them, `||`, `&&`, and parentheses. Template tokens are R objects that define the required structure, much like the `FUN.VALUE` argument to [vapply\(\)](#). Standard tokens are R expressions evaluated and checked for being `all(TRUE)`.

Standard tokens are distinguished from templates by whether they reference the `.` symbol or not. If you have a need to reference an object bound to `.` in a vetting expression, you can escape the `.` with an extra dot (i.e. use `...`, and `...` for `...`, and so forth for symbols comprising only dots). If you use standard tokens in your packages you will need to include `utils::globalVariables(".")` as a top-level call to avoid the "no visible binding for global variable '.'" R CMD check NOTE. Standard tokens that return a string like e.g. `all.equal(x, .)` will result in that string being incorporated into the error message.

See `vignette('vetr', package='vetr')` and examples for details on how to craft vetting expressions.

See Also

[vetr\(\)](#) for a version optimized to vet function arguments, [alike\(\)](#) for how templates are used, [vet_token\(\)](#) for how to specify custom error messages and also for predefined validation tokens for common use cases, [all_bw\(\)](#) for fast bounds checks.

Examples

```

## Template token vetting
vet(numeric(2L), runif(2))
vet(numeric(2L), runif(3))
vet(numeric(2L), letters)
try(vet(numeric(2L), letters, stop=TRUE))

## Standard token vetting
vet(. > 0, runif(2))

## Expression made of standard and template tokens.
vet(numeric(1) && . > 0, 1)
try(vet(numeric(1) && . > 0, 1:2))
try(vet(numeric(1) && . > 0, -1))

## `tev` just reverses target and current
## if(getRversion() >= "4.1.0") { # would be a parse error so commented
##   runif(2) |> tev(numeric(2L))
##   runif(3) |> tev(numeric(2L))
## }

## Zero length templates are wild cards
vet(numeric(), runif(2))
vet(numeric(), runif(100))
vet(numeric(), letters)

## This extends to data.frames
iris.tpl <- iris[0,] # zero row matches any # of rows
iris.1 <- iris[1:10,]
iris.2 <- iris[1:10, c(1,2,3,5,4)] # change col order
vet(iris.tpl, iris.1)
vet(iris.tpl, iris.2)

## Short (<100 length) integer-like numerics will
## pass for integer
vet(integer(), c(1, 2, 3))
vet(integer(), c(1, 2, 3) + 0.1)

## Nested templates; note, in packages you should consider
## defining templates outside of `vet` or `vetr` so that
## they are computed on load rather than at runtime
tpl <- list(numeric(1L), matrix(integer(), 3))
val.1 <- list(runif(1), rbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))
val.2 <- list(runif(1), cbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))
vet(tpl, val.1)
vet(tpl, val.2)

## See `example(alike)` for more template examples

## Standard tokens allow you to check values
vet(. > 0, runif(10))
vet(. > 0, -runif(10))

```

```

## Zero length token results are considered TRUE,
## as is the case with `all(logical(0))`
vet(. > 0, numeric())

## `all_bw` is like `isTRUE(all(. >= x & . <= y))`, but
## ~10x faster for long vectors:
vet(all_bw(., 0, 1), runif(1e6) + .1)

## You can combine templates and standard tokens with
## `&&` and/or `||`
vet(numeric(2L) && . > 0, runif(2))
vet(numeric(2L) && . > 0, runif(10))
vet(numeric(2L) && . > 0, -runif(2))

## Using pre-defined tokens (see `?vet_token`)
vet(INT.1, 1)
vet(INT.1, 1:2)
vet(INT.1 && . %in% 0:1 || LGL.1, TRUE)
vet(INT.1 && . %in% 0:1 || LGL.1, 1)
vet(INT.1 && . %in% 0:1 || LGL.1, NA)

## Vetting expressions can be assembled from previously
## defined tokens
scalar.num.pos <- quote(numeric(1L) && . > 0)
foo.or.bar <- quote(character(1L) && . %in% c('foo', 'bar'))
vet.exp <- quote(scalar.num.pos || foo.or.bar)

vet(vet.exp, 42)
vet(scalar.num.pos || foo.or.bar, 42) # equivalently
vet(vet.exp, "foo")
vet(vet.exp, "baz")

## Standard tokens that return strings see the string shown
## in the error message:
vet(all.equal(., 2), 1)

```

Description

Use vetting expressions to enforce structural requirements for function arguments. Works just like [vet\(\)](#), except that the formals of the enclosing function automatically matched to the vetting expressions provided in

Usage

```
vetr(..., .VETR_SETTINGS = NULL)
```

Arguments

- ... vetting expressions, each will be matched to the enclosing function formals as with `match.call()` and will be used to validate the value of the matching formal.
- .VETR_SETTINGS a settings list as produced by `vetr_settings()`, or NULL to use the default settings. Note that this means you cannot use `vetr` with a function that takes a .VETR_SETTINGS argument

Details

Only named arguments may be vetted; in other words it is not possible to vet arguments passed via ...

Value

TRUE if validation succeeds, otherwise stop with error message detailing nature of failure.

Vetting Expressions

Vetting expressions can be template tokens, standard tokens, or any expression built with them, | |, &&, and parentheses. Template tokens are R objects that define the required structure, much like the FUN.VALUE argument to `vapply()`. Standard tokens are R expressions evaluated and checked for being `all(TRUE)`.

Standard tokens are distinguished from templates by whether they reference the . symbol or not. If you have a need to reference an object bound to . in a vetting expression, you can escape the . with an extra dot (i.e. use ... and ... for ., and so forth for symbols comprising only dots). If you use standard tokens in your packages you will need to include `utils::globalVariables(".")` as a top-level call to avoid the "no visible binding for global variable '.'" R CMD check NOTE. Standard tokens that return a string like e.g. `all.equal(x, .)` will result in that string being incorporated into the error message.

See `vignette('vetr', package='vetr')` and examples for details on how to craft vetting expressions.

Note

`vetr` will force evaluation of any arguments that are being checked (you may omit arguments that should not be evaluate from `vetr`)

See Also

`vet()`, in particular `example(vet)`.

Examples

```
## Look at `?vet` examples for more details on how to craft
## vetting expressions.

fun1 <- function(x, y) {
  vetr(integer(), LGL.1)
```

```

    TRUE  # do some work
}
fun1(1:10, TRUE)
try(fun1(1:10, 1:10))

## only vet the second argument
fun2 <- function(x, y) {
  vetr(y=LGL.1)
  TRUE  # do some work
}
try(fun2(letters, 1:10))

## Nested templates; note, in packages you should consider
## defining templates outside of `vet` or `vetr` so that
## they are computed on load rather than at runtime
tpl <- list(numeric(1L), matrix(integer(), 3))
val.1 <- list(runif(1), rbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))
val.2 <- list(runif(1), cbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))
fun3 <- function(x, y) {
  vetr(x=tpl, y=tpl && ncol(.[[2]]) == ncol(x[[2]]))
  TRUE  # do some work
}
fun3(val.1, val.1)
try(fun3(val.1, val.2))
val.1.a <- val.1
val.1.a[[2]] <- val.1.a[[2]][, 1:8]
try(fun3(val.1, val.1.a))

```

vetr_settings*Generate Control Settings For vetr and alike*

Description

Utility function to generate setting values. We strongly recommend that you generate the settings outside of function calls so that setting generation does not become part of the `vet`/`vetr`/`alike` evaluation as that could add noticeable overhead to the function evaluation.

Usage

```

vetr_settings(
  type.mode = 0L,
  attr.mode = 0L,
  lang.mode = 0L,
  fun.mode = 0L,
  rec.mode = 0L,
  suppress.warnings = FALSE,
  fuzzy.int.max.len = 100L,
  width = -1L,
  env.depth.max = 65535L,

```

```

symb.sub.depth.max = 65535L,
symb.size.max = 15000L,
nchar.max = 65535L,
track.hash.content.size = 63L,
env = NULL,
result.list.size.init = 64L,
result.list.size.max = 1024L
)

```

Arguments

type.mode	integer(1L) in 0:2, defaults to 0, determines how object types (as in <code>typeof</code>) are compared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0: integer like numerics (e.g. <code>1.0</code>) can match against integer templates, and integers always match real templates; all function types are considered of the same type • 1: integers always match against numeric templates, but not vice versa, and integer-like numerics are treated only as numerics; functions only match same function type (i.e. closures only match closures, builtins builtins, and specials specials) • 2: types must be equal for all objects types (for functions, this is unchanged from 1)
attr.mode	integer(1L) in 0:2, defaults to 0, determines strictness of attribute comparison: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 only checks attributes that are present in target, and uses special comparisons for the special attributes (<code>class</code>, <code>dim</code>, <code>dimnames</code>, <code>names</code>, <code>row.names</code>, <code>levels</code>, <code>srcref</code>, and <code>tsp</code>) while requiring other attributes to be alike • 1 is like 0, except all attributes must be alike • 2 requires all attributes to be present in target and current and to be alike
lang.mode	integer(1L) in 0:1, defaults to 0, controls language matching, set to 1 to turn off use of <code>match.call()</code>
fun.mode	NOT IMPLEMENTED, controls how functions are compared
rec.mode	integer(1L) 0 currently unused, intended to control how recursive structures (other than language objects) are compared
suppress.warnings	logical(1L) suppress warnings if TRUE
fuzzy.int.max.len	max length of numeric vectors to consider for integer likeness (e.g. <code>c(1, 2)</code> can be considered "integer", even though it is numeric); currently we limit this check to vectors shorter than 100 to avoid a potentially expensive computation on large vectors, set to -1 to apply to all vectors irrespective of length
width	to use when deparsing expressions; default -1 equivalent to <code>getOption("width")</code>
env.depth.max	integer(1L) maximum number of nested environments to recurse through, defaults to 65535L; these are tracked to make sure we do not get into an infinite recursion loop, but because they are tracked we keep a limit on how many we will go through, set to -1 to allow unlimited recursion depth. You should not need to change this unless you are running into the recursion limit.

symb.sub.depth.max	integer(1L) maximum recursion depth when recursively substituting symbols in vetting expression, defaults to 65535L
symb.size.max	integer(1L) maximum number of characters that a symbol is allowed to have in vetting expressions, defaults to 15000L.
nchar.max	integer(1L) defaults to 65535L, threshold after which strings encountered in C code are truncated. This is the read limit. In theory <code>vetr</code> can produce strings longer than that by combining multiple shorter pieces.
track.hash.content.size	integer(1L) (advanced) used to set the initial size of the symbol tracking vector used with the hash table that detects recursive symbol substitution. If the tracking vector fills up it will be grown by 2x. This parameter is exposed mostly for developer use.
env	what environment to use to match calls and evaluate vetting expressions, although typically you would specify this with the <code>env</code> argument to <code>vet</code> ; if <code>NULL</code> will use the calling frame to <code>vet/vetr/alike</code> .
result.list.size.init	initial value for token tracking. This will be grown by a factor of two each time it fills up until we reach <code>result.list.size.max</code> .
result.list.size.max	maximum number of tokens we keep track of, intended mostly as a safeguard in case a logic error causes us to keep allocating memory. Set to 1024 as a default value since it should be exceedingly rare to have vetting expressions with such a large number of tokens, enough so that if we reach that number it is more likely something went wrong.

Details

Settings after `fuzzy.int.max.len` are fairly low level and exposed mostly for testing purposes. You should generally not need to use them.

Note that a successful evaluation of this function does not guarantee a correct settings list. Those checks are carried out internally by `vet/vetr/alike`.

Value

list with all the setting values

See Also

[type_alike](#), [alike](#), [vetr](#)

Examples

```
type_alike(1L, 1.0, settings=vetr_settings(type.mode=2))
## better if you are going to re-use settings to reduce overhead
set <- vetr_settings(type.mode=2)
type_alike(1L, 1.0, settings=set)
```

Description

Utility function to generate vetting tokens with attached error messages. You should only need to use this if the error message produced naturally by `vetr` is unclear. Several predefined tokens created by this function are also documented here.

Usage

```
vet_token(exp, err.msg = "%s")  
  
NO.NA  
  
NO.INF  
  
GTE.0  
  
LTE.0  
  
GT.0  
  
LT.0  
  
INT.1  
  
INT.1.POS  
  
INT.1.NEG  
  
INT.1.POS.STR  
  
INT.1.NEG.STR  
  
INT  
  
INT.POS  
  
INT.NEG  
  
INT.POS.STR  
  
INT.NEG.STR  
  
NUM.1
```


An object of class `call` of length 3.
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Details

Allows you to supply error messages for vetting to use for each error token. Your token should not contain top level `&&` or `||`. If it does your error message will not be reported because `vetr` looks for error messages attached to atomic tokens. If your token must involve top level `&&` or `||`, use `I(x && y)` to ensure that your error message is used by `vet`, but beware than in doing so you do not use templates within the `I` call as everything therein will be interpreted as a vetting expression rather than a template.

Error messages are typically of the form "%s should be XXX".

This package ships with many predefined tokens for common use cases. They are listed in the Usage section of this documentation. The tokens are named in format `TYPE[.LENGTH][.OTHER]`. For example `INT` will vet an integer vector, `INT.1` will vet a scalar integer vector, and `INT.1.POS.STR` will vet a strictly positive integer vector. At this time tokens are predefined for the basic types as scalars or any-length vectors. Some additional checks are available (e.g. positive only values).

Every one of the predefined vetting tokens documented here implicitly disallows NAs. Numeric tokens also disallow infinite values. If you wish to allow NAs or infinite values just use a template object (e.g. `integer(1L)`).

Value

a quoted expressions with `err.msg` attribute set

Note

This will only work with standard tokens containing ... Anything else will be interpreted as a template token.

See Also

[vet\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Predefined tokens:
vet(INT.1, 1:2)
vet(INT.1 || LGL, 1:2)
vet(INT.1 || LGL, c(TRUE, FALSE))

## Check squareness
mx <- matrix(1:3)
SQR <- vet_token(nrow(.) == ncol(.), "%s should be square")
vet(SQR, mx)

## Let `vetr` make up error message; note `quote` vs `vet_token`
## Often, `vetr` does fine without explicitly specified err msg:
SQR.V2 <- quote(nrow(.) == ncol(.))
vet(SQR.V2, mx)

## Combine some tokens, notice how we use `quote` at the combining
## step:
NUM.MX <- vet_token(matrix(numeric(), 0, 0), "%s should be numeric matrix")
SQR.NUM.MX <- quote(NUM.MX && SQR)
vet(SQR.NUM.MX, mx)

## If instead we used `vet_token` the overall error message
## is not used; instead it falls back to the error message of
## the specific sub-token that fails:
NUM.MX <- vet_token(matrix(numeric(), 0, 0), "%s should be numeric matrix")
SQR.NUM.MX.V2 <-
  vet_token(NUM.MX && SQR, "%s should be a square numeric matrix")
vet(SQR.NUM.MX.V2, mx)
```

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