Package 'globals'

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Title Identify Global Objects in R Expressions

Description Identifies global (``unknown" or ``free") objects in R expressions by code inspection using various strategies (ordered, liberal, or conservative). The objective of this package is to make it as simple as possible to identify global objects for the purpose of exporting them in parallel, distributed compute environments.

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cleanup.Globals   *Drop certain types of globals*

Description

Drop certain types of globals

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Globals'
cleanup(globals, drop = c("missing", "base-packages", "nativesymbolinfo"), ...)
```

Arguments

globals	A Globals object.
drop	A character vector specifying what type of globals to drop.
...	Not used

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findGlobals   *Get all global objects of an expression*

Description

Get all global objects of an expression

Usage

```
findGlobals(
  expr,
  envir = parent.frame(),
  ...,
  attributes = TRUE,
  tweak = NULL,
  dotdotdot = c("warning", "error", "return", "ignore"),
  method = c("ordered", "conservative", "liberal"),
  substitute = FALSE,
  unlist = TRUE,
  trace = FALSE
)

globalsOf(
  expr,
  envir = parent.frame(),
  ...,
  method = c("ordered", "conservative", "liberal"),
```

```
    tweak = NULL,
    locals = NA,
    substitute = FALSE,
    mustExist = TRUE,
    unlist = TRUE,
    recursive = TRUE,
    skip = NULL
)
```

Arguments

expr	An R expression.
envir	The environment from where to search for globals.
...	Not used.
attributes	If TRUE (default), attributes of expr are also searched. If FALSE, they are not. If a character vector, then attributes with matching names are searched. Note, the attributes of the attributes elements are not searched, that is, attributes are not searched recursively. Also, attributes are searched with 'dotdotdot = "ignore".
tweak	An optional function that takes an expression and returns a tweaked expression.
dotdotdot	TBD.
method	A character string specifying what type of search algorithm to use.
substitute	If TRUE, the expression is substitute():ed, otherwise not.
unlist	If TRUE, a list of unique objects is returned. If FALSE, a list of length(expr) sublists.
trace	TBD.
locals	Should globals part of any "local" environment of a function be included or not?
mustExist	If TRUE, an error is thrown if the object of the identified global cannot be located. Otherwise, the global is not returned.
recursive	If TRUE, globals that are closures (functions) and that exist outside of namespaces ("packages"), will be recursively scanned for globals.
skip	(internal) A list of globals not to be searched for additional globals. Ignored unless recursive is TRUE.

Details

There currently three strategies for identifying global objects.

The method = "ordered" search method identifies globals such that a global variable preceding a local variable with the same name is not dropped (which the "conservative" method would).

The method = "conservative" search method tries to keep the number of false positive to a minimum, i.e. the identified objects are most likely true global objects. At the same time, there is a risk that some true globals are not identified (see example). This search method returns the exact same result as the [findGlobals](function of the **codetools** package.

The method = "liberal" search method tries to keep the true-positive ratio as high as possible, i.e. the true globals are most likely among the identified ones. At the same time, there is a risk that some false positives are also identified.

With recursive = TRUE, globals part of locally defined functions will also be found, otherwise not.

Value

findGlobals() returns a character vector.

globalsOf() returns a [Globals] object.

See Also

Internally, the **codetools** package is utilized for code inspections.

Examples

```
b <- 2
expr <- substitute({ a <- b; b <- 1 })

## Will _not_ identify 'b' (because it's also a local)
globalsC <- globalsOf(expr, method = "conservative")
print(globalsC)

## Will identify 'b'
globalsL <- globalsOf(expr, method = "liberal")
print(globalsL)
```

Globals   *A representation of a set of globals*

Description

A representation of a set of globals

Usage

```
Globals(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A named list.
...	Not used.

Value

An object of class Globals, which is a *named* list of the value of the globals, where the element names are the names of the globals. Attribute where is a named list of the same length and with the same names.

See Also

The [globalsOf]() function identifies globals from an R expression and returns a Globals object.

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globalsByName   *Locates and retrieves a set of global variables by their names*

Description

Locates and retrieves a set of global variables by their names

Usage

```
globalsByName(names, envir = parent.frame(), mustExist = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

names	A character vector of global variable names.
envir	The environment from where to search for globals.
mustExist	If TRUE, an error is thrown if the object of the identified global cannot be located. Otherwise, the global is not returned.
...	Not used.

Value

A [Globals](#) object of named elements and an attribute where with named elements. Both of sets have names according to names.

Special "argument" globals

If names specifies "...", "..1", "..2", ..., then they are interpreted as arguments ..., ..1, ..2, ..., respectively. If specified, then the corresponding elements in the results are lists of class DotDotDotList comprising the value of the latter. If the special argument does not exist, then the value is NA, and the corresponding where attributes is NULL.

Examples

```
f <- function(x = 42, ...) {
  globalsByName("x")
}

globals <- f()
str(globals)

globals <- f(3.14)
str(globals)


g <- function(x = 42, ...) {
  globalsByName("...")
}
```

```
globals <- g()
str(globals)

globals <- g(3.14)
str(globals)

globals <- g(3.14, 1L, b = 2L, c = 3L)
str(globals)


h <- function(x = 42, ...) {
  globalsByName("..2")
}

globals <- h(x = 3.14, a = 1, b = 2)
str(globals)

globals <- g(3.14)
str(globals)

globals <- g(3.14, 1L, b = 2L, c = 3L)
str(globals)
```

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packagesOf.Globals   *Identify the packages of the globals*

Description

Identify the packages of the globals

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Globals'
packagesOf(globals, ...)
```

Arguments

globals   A Globals object.

...   Not used.

Value

Returns a character vector of package names.

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