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Trust, but Verify

# Description

Declarative template-based framework for verifying that objects meet structural requirements, and auto-composing error messages when they do not.

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# See Also

Useful links:

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

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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**

X	the object to abstract
	arguments for methods that require further arguments
what	for time series which portion of the ts 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

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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**

alike will treat time series parameter components with zero in them as wildcards. This function allows you to create these wild card time series attributes since R does not allow direct creation/modification of ts attributes with zero values.

Make sure you do not try to use the templates you create with this for anything other than as alike templates since the result is likely undefined given R expects non zero values for the ts attribute and attempts to prevent such attributes.

## **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)))</pre>
```

alike

Compare Object Structure

# **Description**

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

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

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# 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 match.call when testing language objects, note that this will be overridden by the environment specified in settings if any,

defaults to the parent frame.

settings a list of settings generated using vetr\_settings, NULL 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
```

```
## 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?
                               # logical and length 1?
alike(logical(1L), TRUE)
alike(integer(1L), 1:3)
alike(logical(1L), c(TRUE, TRUE))
## Zero length match any length of same type
```

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```
alike(integer(), 1:10)
alike(1:10, integer())
                        # but not the other way around
## Recursive objects compared recursively
 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))</pre>
alike(iris, iris.fake)
## we even check attributes (factor levels must match)!
iris.fake2 <- iris
levels(iris.fake2$Species) <- c("setosa", "versicolor", "africana")</pre>
alike(iris, iris.fake2)
## We can use partially specified objects as templates
iris.tpl <- abstract(iris)</pre>
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])</pre>
obj.cur.1 <- structure(TRUE, class=c("x", letters[1:3]))</pre>
obj.cur.2 <- structure(TRUE, class=c(letters[1:3], "x"))</pre>
alike(obj.tpl, obj.cur.1)
alike(obj.tpl, obj.cur.2)
```

all\_bw

```
## 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  $isTRUE(all(x \ge lo \& x \le hi))$  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**

X	vector logical (treated as integer), integer, numeric, or character. Factors are treated as their underlying integer vectors.
lo	scalar vector of type coercible to the type of $x$ , cannot be NA, use -Inf to indicate unbounded (default).
hi	scalar vector of type coercible to the type of $x$ , cannot be NA, use Inf to indicate unbounded (default), must be greater than or equal to 1o.
na.rm	TRUE, or FALSE (default), whether NAs are considered to be in bounds. Unlike with all(), for all_bw na.rm=FALSE returns an error string if there are NAs instead of NA. Arguably NA, but not NaN, should be considered to be in [-Inf,Inf], but since NA < Inf is NA we treat them as always being out of bounds.

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character(1L) for values between lo and hi:

- "[]" include lo and hi
- "()" exclude lo and hi
- "(]" exclude lo, include hi
- "[)" include lo, exclude hi

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#### **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</pre>
```

bench\_mark

Lightweight Benchmarking Function

## **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

```
    expressions to benchmark, are captured unevaluated
    how many times to loop, defaults to 1000
    deparse.width how many characters to deparse for labels
```

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#### **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 paste@("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.

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## 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**

object the object to check the type of
target the object to test type alikeness against
current the object to test the type alikeness of

settings 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.

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## 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
```

vet

Verify Objects Meet Structural Requirements

# 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.

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

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#### **Arguments**

a template, a vetting expression, or a compound expression target an object to vet current the environment to match calls and evaluate vetting expressions in; will be igenv nored if an environment is also specified via vetr\_settings(). Defaults to calling frame. format character(1L), controls the format of the return value for vet, in case of failure. One of: • "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) a settings list as produced by vetr\_settings(), or NULL to use the default settings 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. vet 13

```
## 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() \geq= "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</pre>
iris.1 <- iris[1:10,]</pre>
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 that at runtime
tpl <- list(numeric(1L), matrix(integer(), 3))</pre>
val.1 <- list(runif(1), rbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))</pre>
val.2 <- list(runif(1), cbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))</pre>
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))
```

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```
## 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'))</pre>
vet.exp <- quote(scalar.num.pos || foo.or.bar)</pre>
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)
```

vetr

Verify Function Arguments Meet Structural Requirements

# 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 . . . .

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

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## 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).
```

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

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

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```
TRUE
         # do some work
fun1(1:10, TRUE)
try(fun1(1:10, 1:10))
## only vet the second argument
fun2 <- function(x, y) {</pre>
 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 that at runtime
tpl <- list(numeric(1L), matrix(integer(), 3))</pre>
val.1 <- list(runif(1), rbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))</pre>
val.2 <- list(runif(1), cbind(1:10, 1:10, 1:10))</pre>
fun3 <- function(x, y) {</pre>
 vetr(x=tpl, y=tpl \&\& ncol(.[[2]]) == ncol(x[[2]]))
       # 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]</pre>
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.

```
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,
```

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```
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 typeof) are compared:

- 0: integer like numerics (e.g. 1.0) 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:

- 0 only checks attributes that are present in target, and uses special comparisons for the special attributes (class, dim, dimnames, names, row.names, levels, srcref, and tsp) while requiring other attributes to be alike
- 1 is like 0, except all atributes 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 match.call()

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. c(1, 2) 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 getOption("width")

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.

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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 vetr 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 env argument to vet; if NULL will use the calling frame to vet/vetr/alike.

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 result.list.size.max.

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
```

```
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)</pre>
```

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Vetting Tokens With Custom Error Messages

# 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.

```
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
```

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NUM.1.POS

NUM. 1. NEG

NUM

NUM.POS

NUM. NEG

CHR.1

CHR

CPX

CPX.1

LGL

LGL.1

## **Arguments**

exp an expression which will be captured but not evaluated.

 ${\tt err.msg} \qquad \qquad {\tt character(1L)} \ a \ {\tt message} \ {\tt that} \ {\tt tells} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt user} \ {\tt what} \ {\tt the} \ {\tt expected} \ {\tt value} \ {\tt should} \ {\tt be},$ 

should contain a "%s" for sprintf to use (e.g. "%s should be greater than 2").

## **Format**

An object of class call of length 2.

An object of class call of length 2.

An object of class call of length 3.

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An object of class call of length 3.

#### **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()

vet\_token

```
## 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)</pre>
SQR <- vet_token(nrow(.) == ncol(.), "%s should be square")</pre>
vet(SQR, mx)
## Let `vetr` make up error message; note `quote` vs `vet_token`
## Often, `vetr` does fine without explictly specified err msg:
SQR.V2 <- quote(nrow(.) == ncol(.))</pre>
vet(SQR.V2, mx)
## Combine some tokens, notice how we use `quote` at the combining
NUM.MX <- vet_token(matrix(numeric(), 0, 0), "%s should be numeric matrix")</pre>
SQR.NUM.MX <- quote(NUM.MX && SQR)</pre>
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")</pre>
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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