# Package 'globals'

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<b>Description</b> Identifies global (``unknown" or ``free") objects in R expressions by code inspection using various strategies, e.g. conservative or liberal. The objective of this package is to make it as simple as possible to identify global objects for the purpose of exporting them in 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"), ...)
```

# Arguments

globals A Globals object.

drop A character vector specifying what type of globals to drop.

... Not used

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Get all global objects of an expression

# Description

Get all global objects of an expression

#### Usage

```
findGlobals(
  expr,
  envir = parent.frame(),
  ...,
  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,
```

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```
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.

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.

mustExist If TRUE, an error is thrown if the object of the identified global cannot be lo-

cated. Otherwise, the global is not returned.

recursive If TRUE, globals that are closures (functions) and that exist outside of names-

paces ("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.
```

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

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 Future.

#### See Also

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

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# **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 lo-

cated. Otherwise, the global is not returned.

... Not used.

#### Value

A Globals object.

#### **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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