

Package ‘attempt’

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attempt-package	<i>attempt package</i>
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Description

Tools for defensive programming in R. 'attempt' extends and facilitates defensive programming by providing a consistent grammar, and provides a set of easy to use functions for common tests and conditions. 'attempt' only depends on rlang & withr, and focuses on speed, so it can be easily integrated in other functions and used in data analysis.

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attempt	<i>Attempt</i>
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Description

A wrapper around base try that allows you to set a custom message when an error/warning occurs. attempt returns the value if there is no error nor message.

Usage

attempt(expr, msg = NULL, verbose = FALSE, silent = FALSE)

Arguments

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| expr | the expression to be evaluated |
| msg | the message to return if an error occurs |
| verbose | wether or not to return to expression producing the error |
| silent | wether or not the error should be kept under silence |

Examples

```
## Not run:
attempt(log("a"), msg = "Nop !")

## End(Not run)
```

discretly	<i>discretly</i>
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Description

Prevent a funtion from printing message or warning

Usage

```
discretly(.f)

discretly(.f)
```

Arguments

.f the function to wrap

Value

an error if any, a warning if any, the result if any

Examples

```
## Not run:
discrete_mat <- discretly(matrix)
discrete_mat(1:3, 2)

## End(Not run)
```

if_all	<i>Test for all, any or none</i>
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Description

Test for all, any or none

Usage

```

if_all(.l, .p = isTRUE, .f)

if_any(.l, .p = isTRUE, .f)

if_none(.l, .p = isTRUE, .f)

```

Arguments

<code>.l</code>	the list to test.
<code>.p</code>	the predicate for testing. Default is <code>isTRUE</code> .
<code>.f</code>	a mapper or a function run if <code>.p(x)</code> is <code>TRUE</code> .

Value

If `.p(x)` is `TRUE`, `.f()` is run.

Examples

```

if_all(1:10, ~ .x < 11, ~ return(letters[1:10]))
if_any(1:10, is.numeric, ~ return(letters[1:10]))
if_none(1:10, is.numeric, ~ return(letters[1:10]))

```

if_then

If this, then that

Description

If this, then that

Usage

```

if_then(.x, .p = isTRUE, .f)

if_not(.x, .p = isTRUE, .f)

if_else(.x, .p = isTRUE, .f, .else)

```

Arguments

<code>.x</code>	the object to test. If <code>NULL</code> (the default), only <code>.p</code> is evaluated.
<code>.p</code>	the predicate for testing. Default is <code>isTRUE</code> .
<code>.f</code>	a mapper or a function run if <code>.p(x)</code> is <code>TRUE</code>
<code>.else</code>	a mapper or a function run if <code>.p(x)</code> is not <code>TRUE</code>

Value

Depending on whether or not `.p(x)` is `TRUE`, `.f()` or `.else()` is run.

Note

If you want these function to return a value, you need to wrap these values into a mapper / a function. E.g, to return a vector, you'll need to write `if_then(1, is.numeric, ~ "Yay")`.

Examples

```
a <- if_then(1, is.numeric, ~ "Yay")
a <- if_not(1, is.character, ~ "Yay")
a <- if_else(.x = TRUE, .f = ~ "Yay", .else = ~ "Nay")
```

`is_try_error`*Is the element of class "try-error"?*

Description

Is the element of class "try-error"?

Usage

```
is_try_error(.x)
```

Arguments

`.x` the object to test

Value

A logical

Examples

```
x <- attempt(log("a"), silent = TRUE)
is_try_error(x)
```

on_error	<i>Add a function to be run on error</i>
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Description

This function behaves as ‘on.exit()’, but is run on error, and supports mappers.

Usage

```
on_error(f)
```

Arguments

f a function to call on error

Value

A local error handler.

Examples

```
y <- function(num){
  on_error(~ write( Sys.time(), "error_log.txt", append = TRUE) )
  log(num)
}
```

silently	<i>Silently</i>
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Description

silently returns a new function that will returns an error or a warning if any, or else returns nothing.

Usage

```
silently(.f)
```

Arguments

.f the function to silence

Value

an error if any, a warning if any. The result is never returned.

Examples

```
## Not run:
silent_log <- silently(log)
silent_log(1)
silent_log("a")

## End(Not run)
```

silent_attempt	<i>Silently attempt</i>
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Description

A wrapper around silently and attempt

Usage

```
silent_attempt(...)
```

Arguments

... the expression to evaluate

Value

an error if any, a warning if any.

Examples

```
## Not run:
silent_attempt(warn("nop!"))

## End(Not run)
```

stop_if	<i>Warn if</i>
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Description

Friendlier messaging functions.

Usage

```

stop_if(.x, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

stop_if_any(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

stop_if_all(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

stop_if_none(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

stop_if_not(.x, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

warn_if(.x, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

warn_if_any(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

warn_if_all(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

warn_if_none(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

warn_if_not(.x, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

message_if(.x = NULL, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

message_if_any(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

message_if_all(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

message_if_none(.l, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

message_if_not(.x, .p = isTRUE, msg = NULL)

```

Arguments

<code>.x</code>	the element to evaluate. It can be a predicate function (i.e a function returning TRUE).
<code>.p</code>	the predicate with the condition to test on <code>.x</code> or <code>.l</code> . Default is <code>isTRUE</code> .
<code>msg</code>	the message to return. If NULL (default), the built-in message is printed.
<code>.l</code>	the list of elements to evaluate

Examples

```

## Not run:
x <- 12
stop_if(x, ~ .x > 13)
stop_if_not(x, is.character)

a <- "this is not numeric"
warn_if(a, is.character )

```



```
warn_if_not(a, is.numeric )
b <- 20
warn_if(b , ~ . > 10 ,
        msg = "Wow, that's a lot of b")
c <- "a"
message_if(c, is.character,
          msg = "You entered a character element")

## End(Not run)
```

surely

surely

Description

Wrap a function in a try

Usage

```
surely(.f)
```

Arguments

`.f` the function to wrap

Value

an error if any, a warning if any, the result if any

Examples

```
## Not run:
sure_log <- surely(log)
sure_log(1)
sure_log("a")

## End(Not run)
```

`try_catch`*Try Catch*

Description

Friendlier try catch functions

Usage

```
try_catch(expr, .e = NULL, .w = NULL, .f = NULL)
```

```
try_catch_df(expr)
```

```
map_try_catch(l, fun, .e = NULL, .w = NULL, .f = NULL)
```

```
map_try_catch_df(l, fun)
```

Arguments

<code>expr</code>	for simple try catch, the expression to be evaluated
<code>.e</code>	a one side formula or a function evaluated when an error occurs
<code>.w</code>	a one side formula or a function evaluated when a warning occurs
<code>.f</code>	a one side formula or an expression evaluated before returning or exiting
<code>l</code>	for <code>map_*</code> function, a list of arguments
<code>fun</code>	for <code>map_*</code> function, a function to try with the list <code>l</code>

Details

`try_catch` handles errors and warnings the way you specify. `try_catch_df` returns a tibble with the call, the error message if any, the warning message if any, and the value of the evaluated expression.

Examples

```
## Not run:
try_catch(log("a"), .e = ~ paste0("There was an error: ", .x))
try_catch(log(1), .f = ~ print("finally"))
try_catch(log(1), .f = function() print("finally"))

## End(Not run)
```

with_message	<i>Manipulate messages and warnings</i>
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Description

with_message and with_warning add a warning or a message to a function. without_message and without_warning turn the warning and message off.

Usage

```
with_message(.f, msg)
```

```
with_warning(.f, msg)
```

```
without_message(.f)
```

```
without_warning(.f)
```

Arguments

.f	the function to wrap
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msg	the message to print
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Value

a function

Examples

```
msg_as_num <- with_message(as.numeric, msg = "Numeric conversion")  
warn_as_num <- with_warning(as.numeric, msg = "Numeric conversion")
```

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