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Description Tools for deciphering the contents of
unknown objects or environments from within the terminal,
a problem often encountered when working with unfamiliar packages or debugging com-
plex functions.
If working in xterm256 or ANSI terminals the output is coloured by default
to improve readability (e.g. the standard Ubuntu terminal).
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\item \texttt{as.whos} \textit{Convert objects to whos}
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\section*{Description}

Convert objects to whos

\section*{Usage}

\begin{verbatim}
as.whos(x)
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{## S3 method for class 'data.table'
as.whos(x)}

\texttt{## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
as.whos(x)}

\section*{Arguments}

\begin{itemize}
\item \texttt{x} \hspace{1cm} Object of type \texttt{data.table} or \texttt{data.frame}.
\end{itemize}

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\section*{Examples}

\begin{verbatim}
an.object <- "Containing all my stuff"
w <- as.data.frame(whos())
as.whos(w)
\end{verbatim}

\section*{browse}

\textit{Browse the contents of a nested data structure}

\section*{Description}

Manually step in and out of the elements of complex data structure with \texttt{whos}. To move around enter the name or number of the element you want to inspect next. Partial names will automatically be matched against the possible element names.

\section*{Usage}

\begin{verbatim}
browse(x = .GlobalEnv, name)
\end{verbatim}
**entry.view**

Display vectors, lists or rows of a data frames in key-value-pairs.

**Description**

Color coded according to class of contents.

**Usage**

```
entry.view(x, i = 1)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` List or data frame.
- `i` Row number to show. Press down/up to browse.

**Value**

Nothing.

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**Arguments**

- `x` Object.
- `name` Name of the object.

**Value**

Nothing.

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**See Also**

`whos`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
require(ggplot2)
p <- ggplot(iris, aes(x=Sepal.Length, y=Sepal.Width)) + geom_point()
browse(p)
## End(Not run)
```

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**entry.view**

Display vectors, lists or rows of a data frames in key-value-pairs.
getOpt

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Examples
entry.view(Sys.getenv())

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getOpt  Retrieves package options

Description
The dataview package contains a number of option for tailoring its behaviour. These options are stored as a named list in a single global variable named "dataview". To overwrite an option fetch the default values with `default.options`, modify the returned results and set it back as in the example below.

Usage
getOpt(x)
default.options()

Arguments
x  Option to retrieve.

Details
Below is a description of the available options, but to understand how they work it is probably easier to directly study the return value of `default.options`.

align  Column alignment, left or right.

columns  A named list with columns to use in `whos`. The object element should be a named list of functions to be applied on each object that is to be queried. The envir element should be a named list of functions to be applied on the object or environment on which `whos` is called together with its "accessors", which are object names (for environments) or named indices (for everything else). All functions should return a vector of values that can be used as a `data.table` column.

print  A named list of custom print functions. By default each column of a `whos` object is printed in a similar way as `data.table` or `data.frame`. If you wish to override this behaviour for a given column, please supply a named print function here. The function will be given the column as returned by the corresponding column function above, and should produce a character vector.

summary  A list of named summary functions. These are fed a column and should return a single value.
heat.view

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Examples

# This shows how to modify a column presented by whos.
# The new function only reports the size of non-S4 objects
# to improve execution time.
opt <- default.options()
opt$columns$bytes <- function(x) if(isS4(x)) NA else object.size(x)
options(dataview = opt)

heat.view

Display heatmaps and heatvectors.

Description

Quickly see the overall pattern of a variable in the terminal.

Usage

heat.view(x, pal, range, mark = NULL)

Arguments

x Vector to be displayed.
pal Palette. Either the name of a palette defined in xterm.pal or an integer vector with color indices (see display.xterm.colors).
range The numerical range which the palette describes. See discrete.color for more info.
mark Single letter marks to be displayed on top of the color.

Value

Nothing

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Examples

```r
data(iris)
heat.view(iris$Species)
heat.view(matrix(iris$Petal.Width, 3, 50, byrow=TRUE,
    dimnames=list(levels(iris$Species), NULL), pal="purples")

run.status <- factor(runif(100) < .95, labels=c("Fail", "Pass"))
heat.view(run.status, pal=1:2)

# Tip for displaying the element names of a named vector:
a <- runif(7)
names(a) <- c("ATM", "CHK1", "CDC25", "p53", "CDC2", "CDK2", "CDK4")
heat.view(a)  # No names displayed
heat.view(as.matrix(a)) # Names displayed
```

whos

Display contents of an environment, data.frame or list as a summary table

Description

Color coded according to class and dimensions of contents. See `style` for details.
Shortcut for calling whos without exclusion.

Usage

```r
whos(envir = parent.frame(), pattern = ".", all.names,
    exclude = getopt("exclude"))
whos.all(...)
```

Arguments

- `envir`: Environment, data frame or list to be displayed. Optional, default: `globalenv()`
- `pattern`: Regexp filtering of objects. Only objects matching the pattern are displayed. Optional, default: show all objects.
- `all.names`: Whether to show hidden objects.
- `exclude`: A list of objects not to be displayed. To set a default exclusion mask use the `whos.set.mask` function. If `whos.set.mask` is called without a list of object names all objects currently in `globalenv()` are hidden. This is useful for example if you have a lot of stuff in the workspace that you aren’t currently interested in but is needed to make your code run.
- `...`: Parameters sent to `whos`. 
whos.options

Value
Nothing
Nothing

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See Also
whos.options, browse

Examples
whos()
data(USArrests)
whos(USArrests)

data(iris)
whos()
whos.all()

Arguments
exclude Objects to exclude from view. Can be a character vector of names, or an environment, but not any regular expressions so far.
report.S4.size Calculating the size of S4 objects with object.size can take an annoyingly long time (seconds), set this option to FALSE to skip it and get quicker execution.
x A character vector of object names to exclude or include.
pattern Regular expression pattern to match object names against, e.g. pattern="^my\..*" will exclude or include "my.vector" and "my.matrix" but not "mysql.con".
envir Environment to search in.

Description
Set default behavior of the whos function

Usage
whos.options(exclude, report.S4.size)
whos.exclude(x = NULL, pattern, envir = parent.frame())
whos.include(x = NULL, pattern, envir = parent.frame())
Value

Nothing. The values are stored as global options.

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