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`as_glue` *Coerce object to glue*

Description

Coerce object to glue

Usage

```
as_glue(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	object to be coerced.
`...`	further arguments passed to methods.

`glue` *Format and interpolate a string*

Description

Expressions enclosed by braces will be evaluated as R code. Long strings are broken by line and concatenated together. Leading whitespace and blank lines from the first and last lines are automatically trimmed.

Usage

```
glue_data(
  .x,
  ...,
  .sep = "",
  .envir = parent.frame(),
  .open = "{",
  .close = "}",
  .na = "NA",
  .transformer = identity_transformer,
  .trim = TRUE
)

glue(
  ...,
  .sep = "",
  .envir = parent.frame(),
  .open = "{",
  .close = "}",
  .na = "NA",
  .transformer = identity_transformer,
  .trim = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

.x	[listish] An environment, list or data frame used to lookup values.
...	[expressions] Unnamed arguments are taken to be expressions string(s) to format. Multiple inputs are concatenated together before formatting. Named arguments are taken to be temporary variables available for substitution.
.sep	[character(1): '""'] Separator used to separate elements.
.envir	[environment: parent.frame()] Environment to evaluate each expression in. Expressions are evaluated from left to right. If .x is an environment, the expressions are evaluated in that environment and .envir is ignored. If NULL is passed it is equivalent to emptyenv().
.open	[character(1): '\{'] The opening delimiter. Doubling the full delimiter escapes it.
.close	[character(1): '\}'] The closing delimiter. Doubling the full delimiter escapes it.
.na	[character(1): 'NA'] Value to replace NA values with. If NULL missing values are propagated, that is an NA result will cause NA output. Otherwise the value is replaced by the value of .na.

`.transformer` [function]
A function taking three parameters `code`, `envir` and `data` used to transform the output of each block before during or after evaluation. For example transformers see `vignette("transformers")`.

`.trim` [`logical(1)`: 'TRUE']
Whether to trim the input template with `trim()` or not.

See Also

https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0498/ and https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0257/ upon which this is based.

Examples

```
name <- "Fred"
age <- 50
anniversary <- as.Date("1991-10-12")
glue('My name is {name},',
  'my age next year is {age + 1},',
  'my anniversary is {format(anniversary, "%A, %B %d, %Y")}.')

# single braces can be inserted by doubling them
glue("My name is {name}, not {{name}}.")

# Named arguments can be used to assign temporary variables.
glue('My name is {name},',
  ' my age next year is {age + 1},',
  ' my anniversary is {format(anniversary, "%A, %B %d, %Y")}.',
  name = "Joe",
  age = 40,
  anniversary = as.Date("2001-10-12"))

# `glue()` can also be used in user defined functions
intro <- function(name, profession, country){
  glue("My name is {name}, a {profession}, from {country}")
}
intro("Shelmith", "Senior Data Analyst", "Kenya")
intro("Cate", "Data Scientist", "Kenya")

# `glue_data()` is useful in magrittr pipes
library(magrittr)
mtcars %>% glue_data("{rownames(.)} has {hp} hp")

# Or within dplyr pipelines
library(dplyr)
head(iris) %>%
  mutate(description = glue("This {Species} has a petal length of {Petal.Length}"))

# Alternative delimiters can also be used if needed
one <- "1"
glue("The value of $e^{2\\pi i}$ is $<<one>>$.", .open = "<<", .close = ">>")
```

glue_col *Construct strings with color*

Description

The crayon package defines a number of functions used to color terminal output. `glue_col()` and `glue_data_col()` functions provide additional syntax to make using these functions in glue strings easier.

Using the following syntax will apply the function `crayon::blue()` to the text 'foo bar'.

```
{blue foo bar}
```

If you want an expression to be evaluated, simply place that in a normal brace expression (these can be nested).

```
{blue 1 + 1 = {1 + 1}}
```

Usage

```
glue_col(..., .envir = parent.frame(), .na = "NA")

glue_data_col(.x, ..., .envir = parent.frame(), .na = "NA")
```

Arguments

`...`	[expressions] Unnamed arguments are taken to be expressions string(s) to format. Multiple inputs are concatenated together before formatting. Named arguments are taken to be temporary variables available for substitution.
`.envir`	[environment: `parent.frame()`] Environment to evaluate each expression in. Expressions are evaluated from left to right. If `.x` is an environment, the expressions are evaluated in that environment and `.envir` is ignored. If `NULL` is passed it is equivalent to `emptyenv()`.
`.na`	[`character(1)`: 'NA'] Value to replace NA values with. If `NULL` missing values are propagated, that is an `NA` result will cause `NA` output. Otherwise the value is replaced by the value of `.na`.
`.x`	[`listish`] An environment, list or data frame used to lookup values.

Examples

```
if (require(crayon)) {
  glue_col("{blue foo bar}")

  glue_col("{blue 1 + 1 = {1 + 1}}")
```

```
  white_on_grey <- bgBlack $ white
  glue_col("{white_on_grey
    Roses are {red {colors()[[552]]}}
    Violets are {blue {colors()[[26]]}}
    `glue_col()` can show {red c}{yellow o}{green l}{cyan o}{blue r}{magenta s}
    and {bold bold} and {underline underline} too!
    }")
}
```

`glue_collapse` *Collapse a character vector*

Description

Collapses a character vector of any length into a length 1 vector.

Usage

```
glue_collapse(x, sep = "", width = Inf, last = "")
```

Arguments

`x`	The character vector to collapse.
`sep`	a character string to separate the terms. Not `NA_character_`.
`width`	The maximum string width before truncating with ...
`last`	String used to separate the last two items if `x` has at least 2 items.

Examples

```
glue_collapse(glue("{1:10}"))

# Wide values can be truncated
glue_collapse(glue("{1:10}"), width = 5)

glue_collapse(1:4, ", ", last = " and ")
#> 1, 2, 3 and 4
```

glue_safe *Safely interpolate strings*

Description

glue_safe() and glue_data_safe() differ from glue() and glue_data() in that the safe versions only look up symbols from an environment use get() they do not execute any R code. This makes them suitable when used with untrusted input, such as inputs in a shiny application, where using the normal functions would allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code.

Usage

```
glue_safe(..., .envir = parent.frame())

glue_data_safe(.x, ..., .envir = parent.frame())
```

Arguments

...	[expressions] Unnamed arguments are taken to be expressions string(s) to format. Multiple inputs are concatenated together before formatting. Named arguments are taken to be temporary variables available for substitution.
.envir	[environment: parent.frame()] Environment to evaluate each expression in. Expressions are evaluated from left to right. If .x is an environment, the expressions are evaluated in that environment and .envir is ignored. If NULL is passed it is equivalent to emptyenv().
.x	[listish] An environment, list or data frame used to lookup values.

Examples

```
"1 + 1" <- 5
# glue actually executes the code
glue("{1 + 1}")

# glue_safe just looks up the value
glue_safe("{1 + 1}")

rm("1 + 1")
```

glue_sql *Interpolate strings with SQL escaping*

Description

SQL databases often have custom quotation syntax for identifiers and strings which make writing SQL queries error prone and cumbersome to do. `glue_sql()` and `glue_data_sql()` are analogs to `glue()` and `glue_data()` which handle the SQL quoting.

Usage

```
glue_sql(..., .con, .envir = parent.frame(), .na = DBI::SQL("NULL"))

glue_data_sql(.x, ..., .con, .envir = parent.frame(), .na = DBI::SQL("NULL"))
```

Arguments

`...`	[`expressions`] Unnamed arguments are taken to be expressions string(s) to format. Multiple inputs are concatenated together before formatting. Named arguments are taken to be temporary variables available for substitution.
`.con`	[`DBIConnection`]:A DBI connection object obtained from `DBI::dbConnect()`.
`.envir`	[`environment`: `parent.frame()`] Environment to evaluate each expression in. Expressions are evaluated from left to right. If `.x` is an environment, the expressions are evaluated in that environment and `.envir` is ignored. If `NULL` is passed it is equivalent to `emptyenv()`.
`.na`	[`character(1)`: 'NA'] Value to replace NA values with. If `NULL` missing values are propagated, that is an `NA` result will cause `NA` output. Otherwise the value is replaced by the value of `.na`.
`.x`	[`listish`] An environment, list or data frame used to lookup values.

Details

They automatically quote character results, quote identifiers if the glue expression is surrounded by backticks '``' and do not quote non-characters such as numbers. If numeric data is stored in a character column (which should be quoted) pass the data to `glue_sql()` as a character.

Returning the result with `DBI::SQL()` will suppress quoting if desired for a given value.

Note parameterized queries are generally the safest and most efficient way to pass user defined values in a query, however not every database driver supports them.

If you place a `*` at the end of a glue expression the values will be collapsed with commas. This is useful for the SQL IN Operator for instance.

Value

A `DBI::SQL()` object with the given query.

Examples

```
con <- DBI::dbConnect(RSQLite::SQLite(), ":memory:")
iris2 <- iris
colnames(iris2) <- gsub("[.]", "_", tolower(colnames(iris)))
DBI::dbWriteTable(con, "iris", iris2)
var <- "sepal_width"
tbl <- "iris"
num <- 2
val <- "setosa"
glue_sql("
  SELECT {`var`}
  FROM {`tbl`}
  WHERE {`tbl`}.sepal_length > {num}
    AND {`tbl`}.species = {val}
  ", .con = con)

# If sepal_length is store on the database as a character explicitly convert
# the data to character to quote appropriately.
glue_sql("
  SELECT {`var`}
  FROM {`tbl`}
  WHERE {`tbl`}.sepal_length > {as.character(num)}
    AND {`tbl`}.species = {val}
  ", .con = con)


# `glue_sql()` can be used in conjuction with parameterized queries using
# `DBI::dbBind()` to provide protection for SQL Injection attacks
 sql <- glue_sql("
    SELECT {`var`}
    FROM {`tbl`}
    WHERE {`tbl`}.sepal_length > ?
  ", .con = con)
query <- DBI::dbSendQuery(con, sql)
DBI::dbBind(query, list(num))
DBI::dbFetch(query, n = 4)
DBI::dbClearResult(query)

# `glue_sql()` can be used to build up more complex queries with
# interchangeable sub queries. It returns `DBI::SQL()` objects which are
# properly protected from quoting.
sub_query <- glue_sql("
  SELECT *
  FROM {`tbl`}
  ", .con = con)

glue_sql("
  SELECT s.{`var`}
```

```
  FROM ({sub_query}) AS s
  ", .con = con)

# If you want to input multiple values for use in SQL IN statements put `*`
# at the end of the value and the values will be collapsed and quoted appropriately.
glue_sql("SELECT * FROM {`tbl`} WHERE sepal_length IN ({vals*})",
  vals = 1, .con = con)

glue_sql("SELECT * FROM {`tbl`} WHERE sepal_length IN ({vals*})",
  vals = 1:5, .con = con)

glue_sql("SELECT * FROM {`tbl`} WHERE species IN ({vals*})",
  vals = "setosa", .con = con)

glue_sql("SELECT * FROM {`tbl`} WHERE species IN ({vals*})",
  vals = c("setosa", "versicolor"), .con = con)

# If you need to reference a variables from multiple tables use `DBI::Id()`.
# Here we create a new table of nicknames, join the two tables together and
# select columns from both tables. Using `DBI::Id()` and the special
# `glue_sql()` syntax ensures all the table and column identifiers are quoted
# appropriately.

iris_db <- "iris"
nicknames_db <- "nicknames"

nicknames <- data.frame(
  species = c("setosa", "versicolor", "virginica"),
  nickname = c("Beachhead Iris", "Harlequin Blueflag", "Virginia Iris"),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

DBI::dbWriteTable(con, nicknames_db, nicknames)

cols <- list(
  DBI::Id(table = iris_db, column = "sepal_length"),
  DBI::Id(table = iris_db, column = "sepal_width"),
  DBI::Id(table = nicknames_db, column = "nickname")
)

iris_species <- DBI::Id(table = iris_db, column = "species")
nicknames_species <- DBI::Id(table = nicknames_db, column = "species")

query <- glue_sql("
  SELECT {`cols`*}
  FROM {`iris_db`}
  JOIN {`nicknames_db`}
  ON {`iris_species`}={`nicknames_species`}",
  .con = con
)
query

DBI::dbGetQuery(con, query, n = 5)
```

```
DBI::dbDisconnect(con)
```

`identity_transformer` *Parse and Evaluate R code*

Description

This is a simple wrapper around `eval(parse())`, used as the default transformer.

Usage

```
identity_transformer(text, envir)
```

Arguments

`text`	Text (typically) R code to parse and evaluate.
`envir`	environment to evaluate the code in

See Also

`vignette("transformers","glue")` for documentation on creating custom glue transformers and some common use cases.

`quoting` *Quoting operators*

Description

These functions make it easy to quote each individual element and are useful in conjunction with `glue_collapse()`.

Usage

```
single_quote(x)

double_quote(x)

backtick(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	A character to quote.

Examples

```
x <- 1:5
glue('Values of x: {glue_collapse(backtick(x), sep = ", ", last = " and ")}')
```

`trim` *Trim a character vector*

Description

This trims a character vector according to the trimming rules used by glue. These follow similar rules to Python Docstrings, with the following features.

- Leading and trailing whitespace from the first and last lines is removed.
- A uniform amount of indentation is stripped from the second line on, equal to the minimum indentation of all non-blank lines after the first.
- Lines can be continued across newlines by using \\.

Usage

```
trim(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	A character vector to trim.

Examples

```
glue("
    A formatted string
    Can have multiple lines
      with additional indention preserved
    ")

glue("
  \\ntrailing or leading newlines can be added explicitly\\n
  ")

glue("
    A formatted string \\
    can also be on a \\
    single line
    ")
```

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