Package 'doubt'

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Modified question mark operator

Description

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? was modified to allow definition of new operators (unary, binary or n-ary). We refer to those as "dubious" operators, both as a reference to the package name and to emphasize the fact that they're not parsed as proper operators. . Standard usage as documented in ?utils::Question still works.

Usage

```
`?`(e1, e2)
```

Arguments

e1 lhs e2 rhs

dubious operators

Every accessible function, custom defined or base/packaged, can be called as an infix operator, for example 1:5 %%intersect? 3:7 is equivalent to intersect(1:5,3:7). In that case, %%intersect? will have the precedence of %%, which is the most intuitive, but any precedence including and below unary + can be used, for instance *intersect? will have the precedence of *.

Unary operators can be used to, for instance $^{\text{head}}$? x is the same as head(x). This form can also be used with several arguments, but in this case we need to write $^{\text{head}}$? {x; n) for instance, which is convenient to go to the next line without the need of a comma.

dubious pipes

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dubious syntaxes

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defining "?add: (\{x\})(\{y\})" <-"\{x\} + \{y\}" will allow us to call ?add: (a)(b) to add a and b.
```

Examples

```
cars +head? 2
+head? cars
+head? {
  cars
  2}
```

```
{\tt register\_dubious\_syntaxes}
```

Register Dubious Syntaxes

Description

To use a dubious syntax in a package, use this function in the definition of .onAttach

Usage

```
register_dubious_syntaxes(syntaxes)
```

Arguments

syntaxes

a character vector of the syntaxes to support

Examples

```
## Not run:
# define your syntax as you would define a normal function
`?add> {x} : {y}` <- function(x, y) x + y

# register the syntax in your .onAttach definition
.onAttach <- function(libname, pkgname) {
doubt::register_dubious_syntaxes("?add> {x} : {y}")
invisible()
}

## End(Not run)
```

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