

# Package ‘statnet.common’

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`check.control.class`     *Check if the class of the control list is one of those that can be used by the calling function*

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### Description

This function can be called to check that the control list passed is appropriate for the function to be controlled. It does so by looking up the class of the control argument (defaulting to the control variable in the calling function) and checking if it matches a list of acceptable classes (defaulting to the name of the calling function with "control." prepended).

### Usage

```
check.control.class(OKnames = {
  sc <- sys.calls()
  as.character(sc[[length(sc) - 1]][[1]])
}, myname = {
  sc <- sys.calls()
  as.character(sc[[length(sc) - 1]][[1]])
}, control = get("control", pos = parent.frame()))
```

### Arguments

<code>OKnames</code>	List of control function names which are acceptable.
<code>myname</code>	Name of the calling function (used in the error message).
<code>control</code>	The control list. Defaults to the control variable in the calling function.

### See Also

`set.control.class`, `print.control.list`

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`compress.data.frame`     *"Compress" a data frame*

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### Description

This function "compresses" a data frame, returning unique rows and a tally of the number of times each row is repeated

### Usage

```
compress.data.frame(x)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A data frame.
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**Value**

A [list](#) with two elements:

rows	Unique rows of x
frequencies	A vector of the same length as the number of rows, giving the number of times the corresponding row is repeated

**See Also**

`data.frame`

**Examples**

```
data(faithful)
```

```
head(faithful)
```

```
lapply(compress.data.frame(faithful), head)
```

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NVL

*Return the first argument passed (out of any number) that is not NULL.*

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**Description**

This function is inspired by SQL function NVL, and simply returns the first argument that is not NULL, or NULL if all arguments are NULL.

**Usage**

```
NVL(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Expressions to be tested.

**Details**

Note that an earlier version of this function took only two arguments: `EXPR`, that was tested and returned if not NULL and `NULLV`, which was returned if `EXPR` was NULL. The new version produces identical output for the same (two-argument) input, but tests any number of expressions sequentially.

**Value**

The first argument that is not NULL, or NULL if all are.

**See Also**

`is.null`, `if`

**Examples**

```

a <- NULL

print(a) # NULL
print(NVL(a,0)) # 0

b <- 1

print(b) # 1
print(NVL(b,0)) # 1

# Also,
print(NVL(NULL,1,0)) # 1
print(NVL(NULL,0,1)) # 0
print(NVL(NULL,NULL,0)) # 0
print(NVL(NULL,NULL,NULL)) # NULL

```

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opttest

*Optionally test code depending on environment variable.*


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**Description**

A convenience wrapper to run code based on whether an environment variable is defined.

**Usage**

```

opttest(expr, testname = NULL, testvar = "ENABLE_statnet_TESTS",
        yesvals=c("y","yes","t","true","1"), lowercase=TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

expr	An expression to be evaluated only if testvar is set to a non-empty value.
testname	Optional name of the test. If given, and the test is skipped, will print a message to that end, including the name of the test, and instructions on how to enable it.
testvar	Environment variable name. If set to one of the yesvals, expr is run. Otherwise, an optional message is printed.
yesvals	A character vector of strings considered affirmative values for testvar.
lowercase	Whether to convert the value of testvar to lower case before comparing it to yesvals.

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paste.and	<i>Concatenates the elements of a vector (optionally enclosing them in quotation marks or parentheses) adding appropriate punctuation and unions.</i>
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### Description

A vector `x` becomes "`x[1]`", "`x[1]` and `x[2]`", or "`x[1]`, `x[2]`, and `x[3]`", depending on the length of `x`.

### Usage

```
paste.and(x, oq = "", cq = "")
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A vector.
<code>oq</code>	Opening quotation symbol. (Defaults to none.)
<code>cq</code>	Closing quotation symbol. (Defaults to none.)

### Value

A string with the output.

### See Also

paste, cat

### Examples

```
print(paste.and(c()))  
print(paste.and(1))  
print(paste.and(1:2))  
print(paste.and(1:3))  
print(paste.and(1:4))
```

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`print.control.list`      *Pretty print the control list*

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### Description

This function prints the control list, including what it can control and the elements.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'control.list'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

`x`                      A list generated by a `control.*` function.  
`...`                    Unused at this time.

### See Also

`check.control.class`, `set.control.class`

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`set.control.class`      *Set the class of the control list*

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### Description

This function sets the class of the control list, with the default being the name of the calling function.

### Usage

```
set.control.class(myname = {
  sc <- sys.calls()
  as.character(sc[[length(sc) - 1]][[1]])
}, control = get("control", pos = parent.frame()))
```

### Arguments

`myname`                Name of the class to set. Defaults to the name of the calling function.  
`control`                Control list. Defaults to the `control` variable in the calling function.

### Value

The control list with class set.

### See Also

`check.control.class`, `print.control.list`

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sort.data.frame	<i>Implements a <a href="#">sort</a> method for <a href="#">data.frame</a>, sorting it in lexicographic order.</i>
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### Description

This function returns a data frame sorted in lexicographic order: first by the first column, ties broken by the second, remaining ties by the third, etc..

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'  
sort(x, decreasing = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A <a href="#">data.frame</a> to sort.
decreasing	Whether to sort in decreasing order.
...	Ignored. Needed for compatibility with

### Value

A data frame, sorted lexicographically.

### See Also

[data.frame](#), [sort](#)

### Examples

```
data(iris)  
  
head(iris)  
  
head(sort(iris))
```

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statnet.cite	CITATION <i>file utilities for Statnet packages</i>
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### Description

These functions automate citation generation for Statnet Project packages.

**Usage**

```
statnet.cite.pkg(pkg)

statnet.cite.head(pkg)

statnet.cite.foot(pkg)
```

**Arguments**

pkg                    Name of the package whose citation is being generated.

**Value**

For `statnet.cite.head` and `statnet.cite.foot`, an object of type `citationHeader` and `citationFooter`, respectively, understood by the `citation` function, with package name substituted into the template.

For `statnet.cite.pkg`, an object of class `bibentry` containing the citation for the package constructed from `DESCRIPTION` and a template.

**See Also**

`citation`, `citHeader`, `citFooter`, `bibentry`

**Examples**

```
statnet.cite.head("statnet.common")

statnet.cite.pkg("statnet.common")

statnet.cite.foot("statnet.common")
```

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`statnetStartupMessage` *Construct a "standard" startup message to be printed when the package is loaded.*

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**Description**

This function uses information returned by `packageDescription` to construct a standard package startup message according to the policy of the Statnet Project. To determine institutional affiliation, it uses a lookup table that maps domain names to institutions. (E.g., `*.uw.edu` or `*.washington.edu` maps to University of Washington.)

**Usage**

```
statnetStartupMessage(pkgname, friends, nofriends)
```



**Arguments**

pkgname	Name of the package whose information is used.
friends	<p>This argument is required, but will only be interpreted if the Statnet Project policy makes use of "friendly" package information.</p> <p>A character vector of names of packages whose attribution information incorporates the attribution information of this package, or TRUE. (This may, in the future, lead the package to suppress its own startup message when loaded by a "friendly" package.)</p> <p>If TRUE, the package considers all other packages "friendly". (This may, in the future, lead the package to suppress its own startup message when loaded by another package, but print it when loaded directly by the user.)</p>
nofriends	<p>This argument controls the startup message if the Statnet Project policy does not make use of "friendly" package information but does make use of whether or not the package is being loaded directly or as a dependency.</p> <p>If TRUE, the package is willing to suppress its startup message if loaded as a dependency. If FALSE, it is not.</p>

**Value**

A string containing the startup message, to be passed to the [packageStartupMessage](#) call or NULL, if policy prescribes printing R's default startup message. (Thus, if `statnetStartupMessage` returns NULL, the calling package should not call [packageStartupMessage](#) at all.)

Note that arguments to `friends` and `nofriends` are merely requests, to be interpreted (or ignored) by the `statnetStartupMessage` according to the Statnet Project policy.

**See Also**

[packageDescription](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
.onAttach <- function(lib, pkg){
  sm <- statnetStartupMessage("ergm", friends=c("statnet", "ergm.count", "tergm"), nofriends=FALSE)
  if(!is.null(sm)) packageStartupMessage(sm)
}

## End(Not run)
```

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