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as.QImage	<i>Coerce to QImage</i>
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## Description

Coercion methods for converting R objects to QImage

## Usage

```
as.QImage(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
as.QImage(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	Object to coerce. By default, a raster object, or matrix as returned by <code>col2rgb</code> (or something coercible to one).
...	Arguments to pass to methods

## Value

A QImage object

## Author(s)

Michael Lawrence

**Description**

These functions construct some simple Qt helper objects. They offer convenience beyond that of the native constructor, largely because they might coerce from an R equivalent to a Qt object. Also, unlike C++, argument skipping is supported.

**Usage**

```
qrect(x0, y0, x1, y1)
qpoint(x, y)
qsize(width, height)
qpolygon(x = NULL, y = NULL)
qfont(family = baseFont$family(), pointsize =
      baseFont$pointSize(), weight = baseFont$weight(),
      italic = baseFont$style() == Qt$QFont$StyleItalic,
      baseFont = Qt$QApplication$font())
qpen(brush = qbrush(), width = 0L, style = Qt$Qt$SolidLine,
     cap = Qt$Qt$SquareCap, join = Qt$Qt$BevelJoin)
qbrush(color = qcolor(), style = Qt$Qt$SolidPattern)
qcolor(red = 0, green = 0, blue = 0, alpha = 255)
qtransform(m11 = 1.0, m12 = 0.0, m13 = 0.0, m21 = 0.0, m22 = 1.0,
           m23 = 0.0, m31 = 0.0, m32 = 0.0, m33 = 1.0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x0</code>	Top-left X coordinate. If a vector of length two, taken as <code>x0</code> and <code>x1</code> . If a 2x2 matrix, the columns represent the X and Y positions. If missing, a "null" rectangle is returned.
<code>y0</code>	Top-left Y coordinate. If a vector of length two, taken as <code>y0</code> and <code>y1</code> .
<code>x1</code>	Bottom-right X coordinate.
<code>y1</code>	Bottom-right Y coordinate.
<code>x</code>	X coordinate. If a vector of length two, taken as <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> . For <code>qpolygon</code> , passed to <code>xy.coords</code> .
<code>y</code>	Y coordinate. For <code>qpolygon</code> , passed to <code>xy.coords</code> .
<code>width</code>	Width for the size. If a vector of length two, taken as <code>width</code> and <code>height</code> . If missing, a "null" size is returned. For <code>qpen</code> , width of the line.
<code>height</code>	Height for the size.
<code>family</code>	Font family name.
<code>pointsize</code>	Font point size.
<code>weight</code>	Font weight (bold).
<code>italic</code>	Whether font is italicized.

baseFont	The base font to use for the defaults. By default, this is the global application font.
brush	Something coercible to a QBrush object via <code>qbrush(brush)</code> .
style	Line dashing for <code>qpen</code> , pattern type for <code>qbrush</code> .
cap	Line cap style.
join	Line join style.
color	Something coercible to a QColor via <code>qcolor(color)</code> .
red	Red component, 0-255. If a string, taken as color name and converted. If a matrix, taken as output of <code>col2rgb</code> .
green	Green component, 0-255.
blue	Blue component, 0-255.
alpha	Alpha component, 0-255.
m11	Horizontal scaling factor
m12	Vertical shearing factor
m13	Horizontal projection factor
m21	Horizontal shearing factor
m22	Vertical scaling factor
m23	Vertical projection factor
m31	Horizontal translation factor
m32	Vertical translation factor
m33	Division factor

### Details

For structures with a F variant, like `QSizeF`, the variant is chosen based on the type of the input. If the values are double, a `QSizeF` instance is returned, otherwise an instance of `QSize`.

### Value

An instance, [RQtObject](#)

### Author(s)

Michael Lawrence, Deepayan Sarkar

### Examples

```
## notice the coercion chaining:
redColor <- qcolor("red")
redBrush <- qbrush("red")
redPen <- qpen("red")
blackPen <- qpen()

## Qt's constructor uses width/height, not x1/y1
```

```
rect <- qrect(as.matrix(Qt$QRectF(1, 1, 5, 5)))
as.matrix(rect)

## Creates 'QRect' not 'QRectF'; integer input
qrect(range(1:10), range(2:5))

qsize(as.vector(qpoint(5, 5)))

mono_it <- qfont("monospace", italic = TRUE)
```

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DataFrameModel

*DataFrameModel*


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## Description

The `qdataFrameModel` function creates a `DataFrameModel`, an implementation of `QAbstractItemModel` using a `data.frame`. This makes it easy and fast to display and edit a `data.frame` in a `QTableView` or any other derivative of `QAbstractItemView`. The `qdataFrame` and `qdataFrame<-` functions allow one to get and set the `data.frame` underlying the model after construction.

## Usage

```
qdataFrameModel(df, parent=NULL, useRoles=FALSE,
  editable=character(), ...)
qdataFrame(model) <- value
qdataFrame(model)
```

## Arguments

<code>df</code>	The <code>data.frame</code> that provides the data of the model
<code>...</code>	Extra arguments passed to <code>qdataFrame&lt;-</code> , which actually loads the <code>data.frame</code> into the model.
<code>model</code>	<code>DataFrameModel</code> instance
<code>parent</code>	The parent <code>QObject</code>
<code>useRoles</code>	Whether to interpret column names as indicating alternative roles; see details.
<code>editable</code>	Character vector of column names in the <code>data.frame</code> that should be editable
<code>value</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> that provides the data of the model

## Details

`qdataFrameModel`: While a simple `data.frame` can be displayed as a textual table, fancier tables require multiple data columns mapped to a single model column, each playing a separate 'role'. To specify additional roles, pass `useRoles = TRUE`. A role may be any string; those used by Qt are listed in the `Qt::ItemDataRole` enumeration. The display and edit roles are reserved (see below). See the documentation of the `QStyledItemDelegate` class for its expected data types for each role.

A simple way to encode this is in the column name, syntax: `[.headerName1][.headerName2][.etc].role`.  
Examples:

- `.carColor.background` (background color for carColor column)
- `.foreground` (foreground color for all columns)
- `.firstName.lastName.font` (special font for first and last name columns)

The set of model columns is derived from the unique header names. Display-role columns are those not prefixed by a period. If the column name in the data matches a string in the `editable` argument, the data is used for both the edit and display roles.

### Value

`qdataFrameModel`: An instance of C++ `DataFrameModel`

### Note

Calling the `headerData` method on `DataFrameModel` from R will not yield the expected result, because Smoke does not know of `DataFrameModel` and thus misses the override of the non-pure virtual. We can special case this if need-be.

### Author(s)

Michael Lawrence

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dim-methods

*Get the dimensions of rectangles and rectangular objects...*

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### Description

Get the dimensions of rectangles and rectangular objects

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'QRectF'
dim(x)
## S3 method for class 'QGraphicsScene'
dim(x)
## S3 method for class 'QGraphicsItem'
dim(x)
## S3 method for class 'QGraphicsView'
dim(x)
```

### Arguments

`x` A rectangular object, like `QRect` or `QGraphicsItem`

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qconnect                      *Connect a signal handler*

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### Description

Like many other GUI toolkits, Qt supports connecting handler functions to signals, which are emitted in response to user actions. The `qconnect` function connects an R function to a signal on a Qt object.

### Usage

```
qconnect(x, signal, handler, user.data)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	The Qt object providing the signal
<code>signal</code>	The name of the signal
<code>handler</code>	The R function to handle the signal
<code>user.data</code>	Data to pass to the R function as the last parameter. If omitted, no such argument is passed to the handler.

### Details

In Qt, only other `QObject` instances can listen to a signal, so this function creates a dummy object that invokes the R function upon receipt of the signal.

To disconnect a handler, call the `disconnect` method on the signal emitter `x`, passing it the returned dummy `QObject`; see the example.

### Value

A dummy `QObject` instance that is listening to the signal. Will become invalid when the signal emitter is invalidated.

### Author(s)

Michael Lawrence

### Examples

```
window <- Qt$QWidget()
button <- Qt$QPushButton(window)
listener <- qconnect(button, "pressed", function(x) print("hello world"))
button$disconnect(listener)
```

qfindChild

*Find child by name*

---

**Description**

Finds a child QObject by name. Mirrors a function in Qt that is inaccessible via the ordinary interface because it is a template.

**Usage**

```
qfindChild(x, name)
```

**Arguments**

x	The parent QObject
name	The name of the child

**Details**

This is particularly useful when working with QtDesigner, where objects in the UI file are named.

**Value**

The child QObject

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
parent <- Qt$QObject()
child <- Qt$QObject(parent)
child$objectName <- "foo"
qfindChild(parent, "foo")
```

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qinvoke*Invoke a method*

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**Description**

These functions invoke a method on an object or class. Usually, one does not call these functions directly but uses the \$ short-cut, instead.



**Usage**

```
qinvoke(x, method, ...)  
qinvokeStatic(x, method, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	The object or class with the method
method	The name of the method
...	Arguments to pass to the method

**Details**

Perhaps the only reason to use one of these functions directly is in the context of functional iteration, e.g., when calling the same method on every object in a list with `lapply`.

**Value**

The return value of the method

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
widgets <- replicate(length(letters), Qt$QWidget())  
mapply(qinvoke, widgets, "setWindowTitle", letters)
```

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qlibrary

*Populate a library object*

---

**Description**

This function is only for use by packages that provide a library to R. It should be called in the `.onLoad` function of the package.

**Usage**

```
qlibrary(lib, namespace = deparse(substitute(lib)), register = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

lib	An environment object that exists in the namespace of the package. The name of the object in the calling frame must match the name of the module in Smoke, unless the name attribute is set.
namespace	If not NULL, the implicit top-level namespace of the library. Many libraries have a top-level namespace, which usually should be ignored (implied) for convenience. Note that this is not the case for Qt, even though it does place many enumerations inside the Qt namespace.
register	Whether to register the library in the global list.

**Value**

The library object, but catching the return value is useless, since, as an environment, it was modified by reference.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**See Also**

The vignette, once it exists, for creating packages based on qtbase

**Examples**

```
## regenerate the Qt library object
Qt <- new.env()
qlibrary(Qt, NULL)
```

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qmethods

*Introspect methods and properties*


---

**Description**

There are two types of exposed class members: methods and, for QObject derivatives, properties. These functions return data.frame objects describing methods and properties.

**Usage**

```
qmethods(x)
qproperties(x)
```

**Arguments**

x Object of class RQtClass for qmethods, a QObject instance for qproperties

**Value**

For `qmethods`: a `data.frame` with columns for method name, return type name, signature string, and whether the method is `static` and/or `protected`.

For `qproperties`: a `data.frame` with columns for type name, and whether the property is `readable` and/or `writable`. The property names are stored in the row names.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
qmethods(Qt$QObject)
qproperties(Qt$QWidget())
```

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qmocMethods

*List MOC methods*

---

**Description**

Access information describing the Qt Meta Object Compiler (MOC) methods defined for a class. These are typically signals and slots, although arbitrary methods/constructors are also supported.

**Usage**

```
qmocMethods(x)
qsignals(x)
qslots(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A `QObject` object or derived class (as an `RQtClass`).

**Value**

For `qmocMethods`, a `data.frame` with columns for the method name, type (“signal”, “slot”, etc), signature, return type, and `nargs` (argument count).

`qsignals` returns a similar `data.frame` containing only signal methods and the columns `name` and `signature`.

`qslots` returns a similar `data.frame` containing only slot methods and the columns `name`, `signature` and `return`.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**See Also**

[qsetSignal](#), [qsetSlot](#) for defining new MOC methods on user classes

**Examples**

```
qmocMethods(Qt$QWidget)
widget <- Qt$QWidget()
qsignals(widget)
```

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qrTextFormattingDelegate

*R-style Text Formatting Delegate*

---

**Description**

Constructs an object of class RTextFormattingDelegate, which implements QTableWidgetItemDelegate for displaying text using the R formatting engine. This allows table and tree widgets (and any other widget that delegates to QTableWidgetItemDelegate) to correctly display NA values and to display numbers using the scipen and digits options.

**Usage**

```
qrTextFormattingDelegate(parent = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

parent            The parent object, or NULL for none.

**Value**

An RTextFormattingDelegate object

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
data(mtcars)
model <- qdataFrameModel(mtcars)
view <- Qt$QTableView()
view$setModel(model)
delegate <- qrTextFormattingDelegate()
view$setItemDelegate(delegate)
view
```

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qsetClass

*Define a Qt/C++ class in R*


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### Description

C++ libraries like Qt often expect/require clients to extend classes in the API. `qsetClass` will define a class in terms of its name, parent (single inheritance) and constructor. Methods are added with `qsetMethod`, `qsetSlot`, and `qsetSignal`. The `qsetProperty` function defines new properties. Calling `qsetRefClass` on an `RQtClass` creates a corresponding “R5” reference class, thus unifying R/Qt classes with the methods package.

### Usage

```
qsetClass(name, parent, constructor = function(...) parent(...),
          where = toplevel(parent.frame()))
qsetMethod(name, class, FUN,
           access = c("public", "protected", "private"))
qsetSlot(signature, class, FUN,
         access = c("public", "protected", "private"))
qsetSignal(signature, class,
           access = c("public", "protected", "private"))
qsetProperty(name, class, type = NULL, read = function() this[[.name]],
            write = function(val) this[[.name]] <- val, notify = NULL,
            constant = FALSE, final = FALSE, stored = TRUE, user = FALSE)
qsetRefClass(Class, where = toplevel(parent.frame()), ...)
```

### Arguments

name	The name of the class or method.
parent	Object of <code>RQtClass</code> representing the parent. Only single inheritance is supported.
constructor	A function for constructing an instance. By default, arguments are passed to parent constructor. See details.
where	The environment in which to define the class. Behaves like <code>setClass</code> . Usually not specified.
class, Class	Object of <code>RQtClass</code> on which to define the method.
FUN	The function that implements the method.
access	The access modifier; same meaning as in C++. <code>public</code> methods may be invoked from any context, <code>protected</code> only by methods of this class or a subclass, and <code>private</code> only by methods of this class.
signature	The name and types of the arguments. If there are no arguments, and the no return value, this is just the name. Otherwise, provide the signature in C++ syntax, as in: <code>int myMethod(int, const char*)</code> for a method named <code>myMethod</code> that accepts two parameters, one an integer and one a string, and then returns an integer. We are essentially using C++ as a DSL for specifying

	signatures; the types must be C++ types, because this method is made available to external systems (like Dbus and Javascript via QtWebKit).
type	The type name for the property
read	The function for reading (getting) the value of this property. By default, this assumes the property is stored as a field named of the form <code>.name</code> .
write	The function for writing (setting) the value of this property. By default, this assumes the property is stored as a field named of the form <code>.name</code> .
notify	The name of a previously defined signal that is emitted when the property is modified, or NULL for none.
constant	A hint to Qt that the property does not change; not actually enforced and rarely used.
final	A hint to Qt that the property is not to be overridden; not actually enforced and rarely used.
stored	A hint to Qt that the property is stored in the object, i.e., not dynamically computed. Could be helpful when serializing objects.
user	Whether the property is the primary user-facing property for this class. Like the current value for a scrollbar. Used when autowiring widgets to data models, as in <code>QDataWidgetMapper</code> .
...	Additional arguments to pass to <code>setRefClass</code> .

### Details

The side-effect of `qsetClass` is that a `RQtClass` object for the new R class is assigned into the `where` argument.

Within the scope of a method or constructor, the symbols are first resolved against the members of the class (including inherited members). The search then proceeds to the enclosure of the R function, and on up the conventional search path.

For chaining up, there is a special function named `super` that is defined differently for methods and constructors. Within a constructor, `super` will invoke the constructor of the super class, as in Java. For a method, the first argument passed to `super` should be the name of the method in the parent class to invoke (also similar to Java).

### Value

For `qsetClass`, the `RQtClass` object (supports chaining with `qsetMethod`).

For `qsetMethod`, `qsetSlot`, `qsetSignal`, and `qsetProperty`, the name of the method/property (supports chaining).

For `qsetRefClass`, the reference class generator object corresponding to the R/C++ class.

### Author(s)

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
e <- Qt$QLineEdit()

qsetClass("positiveValidator", Qt$QValidator)

qsetMethod("validate", positiveValidator, function(input, pos) {
  val <- suppressWarnings(as.integer(input))
  if (!is.na(val)) {
    if (val > 0)
      Qt$QValidator$Acceptable
    else Qt$QValidator$Invalid
  } else {
    if (input == "")
      Qt$QValidator$Acceptable
    else Qt$QValidator$Invalid
  }
})

v <- positiveValidator(e)
e$setValidator(v)
e$show()
```

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qsetStyleSheet

*Access style sheets*


---

**Description**

Convenience functions for defining style sheets in Qt.

**Usage**

```
qsetStyleSheet(..., what = "*", widget = NULL, append = TRUE)
qstyleSheet(widget = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

...	Optionally named arguments specifying style sheet parameters.
what	The entity to which the parameters apply.
widget	Widget containing the style sheet. If NULL, it applies application-wide.
append	Whether the rules should be appended to the existing rules.

**Value**

For `qstyleSheet`, the style sheet in textual form.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

qtimer

*Register a timer task*

---

**Description**

A convenience function for creating a QTimer object and registering an R handler that is fired after a specified delay. The timer continues to fire until it is stopped. This does not work yet.

**Usage**

```
qtimer(delay, handler)
```

**Arguments**

delay	The delay, in milliseconds.
handler	The R function to fire after the delay.

**Value**

A QTimer object. To stop it, call the stop method.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**Examples**

```
timer <- qtimer(2000, function() {  
  print("time out")  
})  
timer$singleShot <- TRUE  
timer$start()
```

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RQtClass*Class Definitions*

---

**Description**

Each class defined by a library has a corresponding RQtClass object. Each object is a function and serves as the constructor for the class. Special behavior is defined, so that the function also behaves as a container of static methods and enumeration values defined by the class.



**Details**

Besides serving as a constructor, this object contains two types of members: static methods and enumeration values. Their names may be listed by calling `names` on the object. To access a member, use `$`, which supports auto-completion, thanks to the `names` method.

Namespaces within a library are also represented as `RQtClass` objects, even though they are not actually classes.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**See Also**

[RQtLibrary](#) (container of class objects), [RQtObject](#) (an instance of a class)

**Examples**

```
## calling a constructor
widget <- Qt$QWidget()
## calling a static method
Qt$QWidget$str("hello world")
## access an enum value within the 'Qt' namespace
Qt$Qt$AbsoluteSize
```

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RQtLibrary

*Library object*

---

**Description**

Every library bound by Smoke is represented by a top-level library object, which is an environment containing an [RQtClass](#) object for each class defined by the library.

**Details**

Since `RQtLibrary` is essentially a plain old environment object, the conventional environment API behaves as expected. List the names of the available classes with `ls` and retrieve a definition with `$` or `get`, for example.

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**See Also**

[RQtClass](#), which describes a class

**Examples**

```
ls(Qt)
Qt$QWidget
```

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RQtObject

*Instance of a Class*


---

**Description**

Represents an instance of a class, as a special type of environment. In this case, the members are methods and, for QObject-derivatives, properties.

**Details**

The ordinary environment API is supported, with restrictions on assignments. Retrieve objects with `$` or `get`. Replacing a method is not supported. For QObject instances, the members include the properties, which may be set through assignment, e.g., with the `$<-` method.

C++ operators are also supported, with the familiar syntax. Most C++ operators have obvious R equivalents. Two exceptions are the `>>` and `<<` operators, which are defined as the infix functions `%>>%` and `%<<%` in R.

Some classes in the Qt API are light-weight, and their instances are usually treated as values. For some of the most prevalent of these types, we define coercion methods to convenient R equivalents. Below, we list the R type corresponding to each Qt type. Coercion methods are defined for the conventional generic for the type, e.g., `as.integer` for integers. For those types with a variant ending in `F`, like `QSizeF`, the `F` variant yields double values in R, while `QSize` would be integer.

```
QRect(F) => matrix
QPoint(F) => vector, integer (double)
QSize(F) => vector, integer (double)
QPolygon(F) => matrix
QTransform => matrix
QColor => matrix
```

**Author(s)**

Michael Lawrence

**See Also**

[RQtClass](#) (for constructing instances)

**Examples**

```
widget <- Qt$QWidget()
widget$setWindowTitle("Hello World")
widget$windowTitle # access a property
widget$windowTitle <- "Hello Again"

size <- qsize(2L, 3L)
as.integer(size * 2) # operators work too
as.integer(size) * 2
```

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