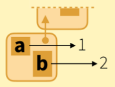
Tidy evaluation with rlang : : CHEAT SHEET

Vocabulary

Tidy Evaluation (Tidy Eval) is not a package, but a framework for doing non-standard evaluation (i.e. delayed evaluation) that makes it easier to program with tidyverse functions.

pi — **Symbol** - a name that represents a value or object stored in R. *is_symbol(expr(pi))*



Environment - a list-like object that binds symbols (names) to objects stored in memory. Each env contains a link to a second, **parent** env, which creates a chain, or search path, of environments. *is_environment(current_env())*

rlang::**caller_env**(n = 1) Returns calling env of the function it is in.

rlang::**child_env**(.parent, ...) Creates new env as child of .parent. Also **env**.

rlang::**current_env**() Returns execution env of the function it is in.

1 — **Constant** - a bare value (i.e. an atomic vector of length 1). *is_bare_atomic(1)*

abs (**1**) — **Call object** - a vector of symbols/constants/calls that begins with a function name, possibly followed by arguments. *is_call(expr(abs(1)))*

pi — code
3.14 — result

Code - a sequence of symbols/constants/calls that will return a result if evaluated. Code can be:

1. Evaluated immediately (**Standard Eval**)
2. Quoted to use later (**Non-Standard Eval**)

is_expression(expr(pi))

e / **a + b** — **Expression** - an object that stores quoted code without evaluating it. *is_expression(expr(a + b))*

q / **a + b,** — **Quosure**- an object that stores both quoted code (without evaluating it) and the code's environment. *is_quosure(quo(a + b))*

rlang::**quo_get_env**(quo) Return the environment of a quosure.

rlang::**quo_set_env**(quo, expr) Set the environment of a quosure.

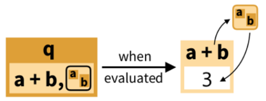
a + b — rlang::**quo_get_expr**(quo) Return the expression of a quosure.

Expression Vector - a list of pieces of quoted code created by base R's *expression* and *parse* functions. Not to be confused with **expression**.

Quoting Code

Quote code in one of two ways (if in doubt use a quosure):

QUOSURES



Quosure- An expression that has been saved *with an environment* (aka a closure).

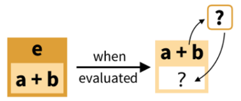
A quosure can be evaluated later in the stored environment to return a predictable result.

rlang::**quo**(expr) Quote contents as a quosure. Also **quos** to quote multiple expressions. *a <- 1; b <- 2; q <- quo(a + b); qs <- quos(a, b)*

rlang::**enquo**(arg) Call from within a function to quote what the user passed to an argument as a quosure. Also **enquos** for multiple args.
quote_this < - function(x) enquo(x)
quote_these < - function(…) enquos(…)

rlang::**new_quosure**(expr, env = caller_env()) Build a quosure from a quoted expression and an environment.
new_quosure(expr(a + b), current_env())

EXPRESSION



Quoted Expression - An expression that has been saved by itself.

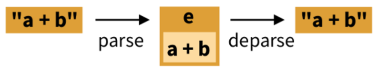
A quoted expression can be evaluated later to return a result that will depend on the environment it is evaluated in

rlang::**expr**(expr) Quote contents. Also **exprs** to quote multiple expressions. *a <- 1; b <- 2; e <- expr(a + b); es <- exprs(a, b, a + b)*

rlang::**enexpr**(arg) Call from within a function to quote what the user passed to an argument. Also **enexprs** to quote multiple arguments.
quote_that < - function(x) enexpr(x)
quote_those < - function(…) enexprs(…)

rlang::**ensym**(x) Call from within a function to quote what the user passed to an argument as a symbol, accepts strings. Also **ensyms**.
quote_name < - function(name) ensym(name)
quote_names < - function(…) ensyms(…)

Parsing and Deparsing



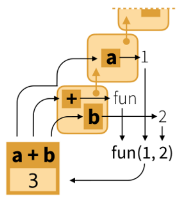
Parse - Convert a string to a saved expression.

rlang::**parse_expr**(x) Convert a string to an expression. Also **parse_exprs**, **sym**, **parse_quo**, **parse_quos**. *e<-parse_expr("a+b")*

Deparse - Convert a saved expression to a string.

rlang::**expr_text**(expr, width = 60L, nlines = Inf) Convert expr to a string. Also **quo_name**.
expr_text(e)

Evaluation



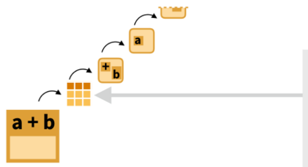
To evaluate an expression, R :

1. Looks up the symbols in the expression in the active environment (or a supplied one), followed by the environment's parents
2. Executes the calls in the expression

The result of an expression depends on which environment it is evaluated in.

QUOTED EXPRESSION

rlang::**eval_bare**(expr, env = parent.frame()) Evaluate expr in env. *eval_bare(e, env =.GlobalEnv)*



a <- 1; b <- 2
*p <- quo(**.data$**a + **!!**b)*
mask <- tibble(a = 5, b = 6)
eval_tidy(p, data = mask)

QUOSURES (and quoted exprs)

rlang::**eval_tidy**(expr, data = NULL, env = caller_env()) Evaluate expr in env, using data as a **data mask**. Will evaluate quosures in their stored environment. *eval_tidy(q)*

Data Mask - If data is non-NULL, eval_tidy inserts data into the search path before env, matching symbols to names in data.

Use the pronoun **.data$** to force a symbol to be matched in data, and **!!** (see back) to force a symbol to be matched in the environments.

Building Calls

rlang::**call2**(.fn, ..., .ns = NULL) Create a call from a function and a list of args. Use **exec** to create and then evaluate the call. (See back page for **!!!**) *args <- list(x = 4, base = 2)*

log (x = **4** , base = **2**)

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call2("log", x = 4, base = 2)
call2("log", !!!args)

exec("log", x = 4, base = 2)
exec("log", !!!args)