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| AbstractClass | <i>Create an abstract R6 Class</i> |
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### Description

Creates an abstract R6 class by placing a thin wrapper around [R6::R6Class](#) which causes an error to be thrown if the class is directly constructed instead of one of its descendants.

### Details

An abstract class is a class that cannot be constructed directly. Instead they are used to define common fields/methods for child classes that inherit from them.

All arguments of [R6::R6Class](#) can be used as usual, see full details at [R6::R6Class](#).

### References

Gamma, E., Helm, R., Johnson, R., & Vlissides, J. (1996). Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Software. Addison-Wesley Professional Computing Series (p. 395).

### Examples

```
library(R6)

ab <- AbstractClass("abstract", public = list(hello = "Hello World"))
## Not run:
# errors
ab$new()

## End(Not run)
child <- R6Class("child", inherit = ab)
child$new()$hello
```

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| decorate | <i>Sugar function for decoration</i> |
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**Description**

Simple wrapper around `decorator$new(object, exists)`

**Usage**

```
decorate(object, decorators, exists = c("skip", "error", "overwrite"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| object     | [R6::R6Class]<br>R6 class to decorate.   |
| decorators | ([DecorateClass] character())<br>One or more decorators (by name or class) to decorate with.   |
| exists     | (character(1))<br>Expected behaviour if method exists in object and decorator. One of: 1. exists = "error" (default) - This will throw an error and prevent the object being decorated. 2. exists = "skip" - This will decorate the object with all fields/methods that don't already exist. 3. exists = "overwrite" - This will decorate the object with all fields/methods from the decorator and overwrite ones with the same name if they already exist. |
| ...        | ANY<br>Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">get</a> .  |

**See Also**

[DecoratorClass](#)

**Examples**

```
library(R6)

## Define decorators
dec1 <- DecoratorClass("dec1", public = list(goodbye = "Goodbye World"))
dec2 <- DecoratorClass("dec2", public = list(goodbye2 = "Goodbye World 2"))

oop <- ooplah$new()
oop$goodbye
dec_oop <- decorate(oop, c(dec1, dec2))
dec_oop$goodbye
dec_oop$goodbye2

## Equivalently
oop <- ooplah$new()
decorate(oop, c("dec1", "dec2"))
```

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DecoratorClass      *Create an abstract R6 Class*

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### Description

Creates a decorator R6 class by placing a thin wrapper around [R6::R6Class](#) which allows the constructed class to inherit the fields and methods of the given object.

### Details

The decorator design pattern allows methods to be added to an object without bloating the interface with too many methods on construction and without causing large inheritance trees. A decorator class contains fields/methods that are 'added' to the given object in construction, this is made clearer in examples.

There are three possibilities when trying to decorate an object with a field/method that already exists:

1. `exists = "skip"` (default) - This will decorate the object with all fields/methods that don't already exist
2. `exists = "error"` - This will throw an error and prevent the object being decorated
3. `exists = "overwrite"` - This will decorate the object with all fields/methods from the decorator and overwrite ones with the same name if they already exist

Decorators are currently not cloneable.

All arguments of [R6::R6Class](#) can be used as usual, see full details at [R6::R6Class](#).

### References

Gamma, E., Helm, R., Johnson, R., & Vlissides, J. (1996). Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Software. Addison-Wesley Professional Computing Series (p. 395).

### See Also

[decorate](#)

### Examples

```
library(R6)

## Create two decorators
# Works with active bindings...
dec1 <- DecoratorClass("dec1", active = list(hi = function() "Hi World"))
# And public fields...
dec2 <- DecoratorClass("dec2", public = list(goodbye = "Goodbye World"))

## Create an object to decorate
oop <- ooplal$new()
oop$hello()
```

```
## Decorate with dec1 by constructing dec1 with object oop:
dec_oop <- dec1$new(oop) # equiv `decorate(oop, dec1)`
## We have all original methods from oop
dec_oop$hello()
# It's inherited methods
dec_oop$init
# And now decorated methods
dec_oop$hi

## We can decorate again
redec_oop <- dec2$new(dec_oop)
redec_oop$hello()
redec_oop$init
redec_oop$hi
# And now
redec_oop$goodbye

# Notice the class reflects all decorators, the original object and parents,
# and adds the 'Decorator' class
class(redec_oop)

## Decorators also work with inheritance
parent_dec <- DecoratorClass("parent_dec",
  public = list(hi = function() "Hi!"))
child_dec <- DecoratorClass("child_dec", inherit = parent_dec)
dec_oop <- child_dec$new(ooplah$new())
dec_oop$hi()

## Three possibilities if the method/field name already exists:
oop <- ooplah$new()
exists_dec <- DecoratorClass("exists_dec",
  public = list(hello = function() "Hi!"))

# 1. skip (default)
oop$hello()
exists_dec$new(oop, exists = "skip")$hello()

# 2. error
## Not run:
exists_dec$new(oop)
exists_dec$new(oop, exists = "error")

## End(Not run)

# 3. overwrite
oop$hello()
exists_dec$new(oop, exists = "overwrite")$hello()

## Cloning
# Note that by default the decorated object is not cloned
dec <- DecoratorClass("dec", active = list(hi = function() "Hi World"))
```

```
dec_oop <- dec$new(oop)
dec_oop$logically
oop$logically <- FALSE
dec_oop$logically
```

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is.R6 *Is 'x' a R6 object or class?*

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### Description

Assert/test if 'x' is a R6 object or class

### Usage

```
is.R6(x)

assert_R6(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    Object to test

### Value

Either TRUE/FALSE is testing if x inherits from R6 or R6ClassGenerator, otherwise returns x invisibly on assertion if TRUE or returns an error if FALSE

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is.R6Class *Is 'x' a R6 class?*

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### Description

Assert/test if 'x' is a R6 class

### Usage

```
is.R6Class(x)

assert_R6Class(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    Object to test

### Value

Either TRUE/FALSE is testing if x inherits from R6ClassGenerator, otherwise returns x invisibly on assertion if TRUE or returns an error if FALSE

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| is.R6Object | <i>Is 'x' a R6 object?</i> |
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**Description**

Assert/test if 'x' is a R6 object

**Usage**

```
is.R6Object(x)
```

```
assert_R6Object(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| x | Object to test |
|---|----------------|

**Value**

Either TRUE/FALSE is testing if x inherits from R6, otherwise returns x invisibly on assertion if TRUE or returns an error if FALSE

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| loapply | <i>Specialised lapply for objects</i> |
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**Description**

Specialised lapply functions for R6 or other OOP classes. This is simply a wrapper that detects if FUN is a function, in which case lapply is used as usual, or a string, in which case the given field/method is returned as a list.

**Usage**

```
loapply(X, FUN, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| X, ... | See <a href="#">lapply</a>   |
| FUN    | Either a function to apply to each element of X, as in <a href="#">lapply</a> or the field/method name of an OOP object (see examples) |

**Examples**

```
## lapply as usual
loapply(c(1, 2, 3), identity)

## For R6 objects
objs <- list(ooplah$new(), ooplah$new())
# Public field
loapply(objs, "oop")
# Public method
loapply(objs, "hello")
```

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object\_class

*Get class of an object (possibly with inheritance)*


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**Description**

Find class of an object or an ancestor of the object. In contrast to `class` which returns a class object and all its ancestors, this function returns either the class of the object itself, or the class of one of its ancestors.

**Usage**

```
object_class(object, ancestor = 0)

get_object_class(object, ancestor = 0, ...)

object_classes(..., objects = list(...))
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| object   | ANY<br>Object to get the class of  |
| ancestor | (integer(1))<br>If greater than 0 then the given ancestor to get the class for, see examples |
| ...      | ANY<br>Objects to vapply over  |
| objects  | (list(1))<br>Alternative constructor with list of objects                                    |

**Details**

`object_classes` is a stripped-down wrapper to get the class of multiple objects



**Examples**

```
library(R6)

class_a <- R6Class("class_a")
class_b <- R6Class("class_b", inherit = class_a)
class(class_b$new())
object_class(class_b$new())
object_class(class_b$new(), 1)
```

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| ooplah | <i>R6 Class for testing and examples</i> |
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**Description**

R6 Class for testing and examples

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| private | <i>Get R6 object private environment</i> |
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**Description**

Access the private environment of an R6 object

**Usage**

```
private(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| x | (R6)<br>R6 object to get environment from, errors if not R6 |
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| super | <i>Get R6 object parent environment</i> |
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**Description**

Access the parent environment of an R6 object

**Usage**

```
super(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |   |
|---|---|
| x | (R6)<br>R6 object to get environment from, errors if not R6 |
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`vxapply`*Specialised vapply methods for atomic classes*

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## Description

Specialised `vapply` functions for scalars of each of the six atomic classes in R:

## Usage

```
vlapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

```
viapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

```
vnapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

```
vcapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

```
vzapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

```
vrapply(X, FUN, ..., USE.NAMES = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

`X, ..., USE.NAMES`

See [vapply](#)

`FUN`

Either a function to apply to each element of `X`, as in [vapply](#) or the field/method name of an OOP object (see examples)

## Details

- logical (`vlapply`)
- integer (`viapply`)
- numeric/real (`vnapply`)
- character/string (`vcapply`)
- complex (`vzapply`)
- raw (`vrapply`)

These are simply wrappers around [vapply](#) where `FUN.VALUE` is pre-filled with a scalar of the given class.

In addition these can be applied to pull-out fields or methods from R6 or other OOP objects by supplying the field/method name to `FUN`. See examples.

**Examples**

```
## Specialised vapply
vapply(logical(10), identity)
vzapply(complex(10), identity)

## For R6 objects
objs <- list(ooplah$new(), ooplah$new())

# Public field
vcapply(objs, "oop")

# Public method
vcapply(objs, "exclaim", "ARGH")
vcapply(objs, "hello")
vnapply(objs, "generate", 1)

# Active binding
vlapply(objs, "logically")
```

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