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.vrv	<i>Access the validated reactive value pronoun</i>
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### Description

When used inside the `validation_expr` of a `validated_reactive_val()`, this function acts as a pronoun to access the current value (before validation) of that `validated_reactive_val`. This allows the validation expression to reconcile the object's current state with its reactive dependencies.

### Usage

```
.vrv(env = rlang::caller_env())
```

### Arguments

`env` (environment) The environment in which to find the `.vrv` pronoun. This should generally not be changed from the default of `rlang::caller_env()`.

### Details

To reference `.vrv()` in a package and avoid R CMD check notes, you can either import this function with `#' @importFrom chains .vrv` or call it with the `chains::.vrv()` namespace.

### Value

The current value of the `validated_reactive_val()`.

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extract_error	<i>Extract an error message from an object</i>
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## Description

A convenience function to extract the error message attached to an object. A method is implemented for `validated_reactive_val()` objects.

## Usage

```
extract_error(x, ..., capture = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	(any) The object from which to extract the error message.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to methods.
<code>capture</code>	(length-1 logical) If TRUE, the error is captured and returned with class <code>captured_error</code> (as well as <code>captured_</code> prepended on any error subclasses). If FALSE, the error is thrown.

## Value

If the object contains an error message, an object with class `captured_error` if `capture` is TRUE or the error condition if `capture` is FALSE. Depending on your purpose, you may need to `signalCondition()` or `rlang::cnd_signal()` to actually signal the error. If the object does not contain an error, NULL.

## Examples

```
vrv <- validated_reactive_val(
  value = "good",
  default = "default",
  validation_expr = {
    if (.vrv() == "bad") {
      rlang::abort("is bad", class = "special_error")
    }
    .vrv()
  }
)
shiny::isolate(extract_error(vrv))
vrv("bad")
shiny::isolate(vrv())
captured_error <- shiny::isolate(extract_error(vrv))
class(captured_error)
captured_error$message
raw_error <- shiny::isolate(extract_error(vrv, capture = FALSE))
try(rlang::cnd_signal(raw_error))
```

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is_default	<i>Determine whether a reactive is using its default value</i>
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### Description

A convenience function to check whether an object is currently using its default value. A method is implemented for `validated_reactive_val()` objects.

### Usage

```
is_default(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	(any) The object to test.
...	Additional arguments passed to methods.

### Value

A logical value indicating whether the object is currently using its default value.

### Examples

```
vrval <- validated_reactive_val(  
  value = "good",  
  default = "default",  
  validation_expr = {  
    if (.vrval() == "bad") {  
      rlang::abort("is bad")  
    }  
  }  
  .vrval()  
)  
shiny::isolate(vrval())  
shiny::isolate(is_default(vrval))  
vrval("bad")  
shiny::isolate(vrval())  
shiny::isolate(is_default(vrval))
```

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`validated_reactive_val`*Create a validated reactive value*

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## Description

Create a reactive value that can be updated imperatively (like a `shiny::reactiveVal()`) but whose state is ultimately governed by a reactive validation expression. This ensures that its value is always consistent with its reactive dependencies before any downstream dependents are re-evaluated.

## Usage

```
validated_reactive_val(  
  validation_expr,  
  value = NULL,  
  default = NULL,  
  label = NULL,  
  env = rlang::caller_env()  
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'vrv'  
x$name
```

## Arguments

<code>validation_expr</code>	(expression) A reactive expression that defines the authoritative state of this <code>validated_reactive_value</code> . This expression can access the <code>validated_reactive_value</code> 's own current value via the <code>.vrv()</code> pronoun to reconcile it with upstream dependencies.
<code>value</code>	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
<code>default</code>	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
<code>label</code>	(length-1 character or <code>NULL</code> ) An optional label for the <code>validated_reactive_value</code> , used for debugging.
<code>env</code>	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the <code>validation_expr</code> .
<code>x</code>	(vrv) A <code>vrv</code> object.
<code>name</code>	(length-1 character) The name of the helper function to access. Expects one of <code>value</code> , <code>error</code> , or <code>is_default</code> . Other values return <code>NULL</code> .

## Value

A vrv object, which is a function with a custom class. Call it with no arguments to (reactively) read the validated value. Call it with a single argument to imperatively set the value; it will be automatically validated on the next read. You can also access the most recent validation error with `my_vrv$error()` and check if the current value is the default with `my_vrv$is_default()`.

## Examples

```
library(shiny)

ui <- fluidPage( selectInput("level", "Level", choices = c("A", "B")),
  uiOutput("group_ui"), textOutput("current_group") )

server <- function(input, output, session) {
  # `group_val` depends on `input$level` and can also be set by `input$group`.
  group_val <- validated_reactive_val(
    value = "A1",
    validation_expr = {
      # If the current value is not valid for the new level, reset it.
      valid_groups <- if (input$level == "A") {
        c("A1", "A2")
      } else {
        c("B1", "B2")
      }
      if (.vrv() %in% valid_groups) {
        .vrv()
      } else {
        valid_groups[[1]]
      }
    }
  )

  # When the user changes the group input, imperatively update the vrv.
  observeEvent(input$group, {
    group_val(input$group)
  })

  # The UI for the group dropdown is dynamic.
  output$group_ui <- renderUI({
    choices <- if (input$level == "A") c("A1", "A2") else c("B1", "B2")
    selectInput("group", "Group", choices = choices, selected = group_val())
  })

  output$current_group <- renderText({
    paste("Current Validated Group:", group_val())
  })
}

shinyApp(ui, server)
```

vrv\_chr

*Create a validated reactive character vector***Description**

A wrapper around `validated_reactive_val()` that uses `stbl::stabilize_chr()` to validate and coerce its value. This is a convenience function that constructs the `validation_expr` for you.

**Usage**

```
vrv_chr(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = TRUE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  min_size = NULL,
  max_size = NULL,
  regex = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

```
vrv_chr_scalar(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  allow_null = FALSE,
  allow_zero_length = FALSE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  regex = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>value</code>	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
<code>default</code>	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
<code>allow_null</code>	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is <code>NULL</code> an acceptable value?
<code>allow_na</code>	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Are <code>NA</code> values okay?
<code>min_size</code>	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The minimum size of the vector.

max_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The maximum size of the vector.
regex	(character, expression, or reactive expression) One or more regular expressions to test against the values. See <a href="#">stbl::stabilize_chr()</a> for details.
label	(length-1 character or NULL) An optional label for the validated_reactive_value, used for debugging.
env	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the validation_expr.
allow_zero_length	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is a zero-length vector acceptable?

### Value

A vrv object which returns a validated character vector.

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vrv_dbl	<i>Create a validated reactive double vector</i>
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### Description

A wrapper around [validated\\_reactive\\_val\(\)](#) that uses [stbl::stabilize\\_dbl\(\)](#) to validate and coerce its value. This is a convenience function that constructs the `validation_expr` for you.

### Usage

```
vrv_dbl(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = TRUE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  min_size = NULL,
  max_size = NULL,
  coerce_character = TRUE,
  coerce_factor = TRUE,
  min_value = NULL,
  max_value = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)

vrv_dbl_scalar(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  allow_null = FALSE,
  allow_zero_length = FALSE,
```

```

    allow_na = TRUE,
    coerce_character = TRUE,
    coerce_factor = TRUE,
    min_value = NULL,
    max_value = NULL,
    env = rlang::caller_env()
  )

```

## Arguments

value	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
default	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
allow_null	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is <code>NULL</code> an acceptable value?
allow_na	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Are NA values okay?
min_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The minimum size of the vector.
max_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The maximum size of the vector.
coerce_character	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Should character vectors such as "1" and "2.0" be coerced to double?
coerce_factor	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Should factors with values such as "1" and "2.0" be coerced to double? Note that this function uses the character value from the factor, while <code>as.double()</code> uses the integer index of the factor.
min_value	(length-1 double, expression, or reactive expression, or <code>NULL</code> ) The lowest allowed value for <code>x</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default) values are not checked.
max_value	(length-1 double, expression, or reactive expression, or <code>NULL</code> ) The highest allowed value for <code>x</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default) values are not checked.
label	(length-1 character or <code>NULL</code> ) An optional label for the <code>validated_reactive_value</code> , used for debugging.
env	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the <code>validation_expr</code> .
allow_zero_length	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is a zero-length vector acceptable?

## Value

A `vrv` object which returns a validated double vector.

vrv\_fct

*Create a validated reactive factor-like character vector***Description**

A wrapper around `validated_reactive_val()` to help manage factor-like values, especially in a cascading / dependent manner. This is a convenience function that constructs the `validation_expr` for you by wrapping `stbl::stabilize_fct()`. Note that the objects returned by the resulting `vrv` are character vectors, not factors, to allow values to remain unchanged when the allowed levels change but the value is still valid.

**Usage**

```
vrv_fct(
  levels,
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = TRUE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  min_size = NULL,
  max_size = NULL,
  to_na = character(),
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

```
vrv_fct_scalar(
  levels,
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = FALSE,
  allow_zero_length = FALSE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  to_na = character(),
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>levels</code>	(expression) An expression that returns a character vector of valid levels. Can be a reactive expression.
<code>value</code>	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
<code>default</code>	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .

allow_null	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is NULL an acceptable value?
allow_na	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Are NA values okay?
min_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The minimum size of the vector.
max_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The maximum size of the vector.
to_na	(expression) Values to coerce to NA. Can be a reactive expression.
label	(length-1 character or NULL) An optional label for the validated_reactive_value, used for debugging.
env	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the validation_expr.
allow_zero_length	(expression) Is a zero-length vector acceptable? Can be a reactive expression.

**Value**

A vrv object which returns a factor-like character vector.

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vrv_int	<i>Create a validated reactive integer vector</i>
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**Description**

A wrapper around `validated_reactive_val()` that uses `stbl::stabilize_int()` to validate and coerce its value. This is a convenience function that constructs the `validation_expr` for you.

**Usage**

```
vrv_int(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = TRUE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  min_size = NULL,
  max_size = NULL,
  coerce_character = TRUE,
  coerce_factor = TRUE,
  min_value = NULL,
  max_value = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)

vrv_int_scalar(
```

```

value = NULL,
default = NULL,
label = NULL,
allow_null = FALSE,
allow_zero_length = FALSE,
allow_na = TRUE,
coerce_character = TRUE,
coerce_factor = TRUE,
min_value = NULL,
max_value = NULL,
env = rlang::caller_env()
)

```

### Arguments

value	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
default	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
allow_null	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is <code>NULL</code> an acceptable value?
allow_na	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Are NA values okay?
min_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The minimum size of the vector.
max_size	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The maximum size of the vector.
coerce_character	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Should character vectors such as "1" and "2.0" be coerced to integer?
coerce_factor	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Should factors with values such as "1" and "2.0" be coerced to integer? Note that this function uses the character value from the factor, while <code>as.integer()</code> uses the integer index of the factor.
min_value	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression, or <code>NULL</code> ) The lowest allowed value for <code>x</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default) values are not checked.
max_value	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression, or <code>NULL</code> ) The highest allowed value for <code>x</code> . If <code>NULL</code> (default) values are not checked.
label	(length-1 character or <code>NULL</code> ) An optional label for the <code>validated_reactive_value</code> , used for debugging.
env	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the <code>validation_expr</code> .
allow_zero_length	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is a zero-length vector acceptable?

**Value**

A vrv object which returns a validated integer vector.

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vrv_lgl	<i>Create a validated reactive logical vector</i>
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**Description**

A wrapper around `validated_reactive_val()` that uses `stbl::stabilize_lgl()` to validate and coerce its value. This is a convenience function that constructs the `validation_expr` for you.

**Usage**

```
vrv_lgl(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  allow_null = TRUE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  min_size = NULL,
  max_size = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

```
vrv_lgl_scalar(
  value = NULL,
  default = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  allow_null = FALSE,
  allow_zero_length = FALSE,
  allow_na = TRUE,
  env = rlang::caller_env()
)
```

**Arguments**

value	(various) The initial value. This value will be coerced via the validation expression when accessed. If this value is reactive, an observer with <code>priority = Inf</code> will be created to attempt to keep the validated value in sync with that reactive.
default	(various, including expression or reactive expression) A value to use when the current value is not valid according to the defined rules. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
allow_null	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is <code>NULL</code> an acceptable value?
allow_na	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Are <code>NA</code> values okay?

<code>min_size</code>	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The minimum size of the vector.
<code>max_size</code>	(length-1 integer, expression, or reactive expression) The maximum size of the vector.
<code>label</code>	(length-1 character or NULL) An optional label for the <code>validated_reactive_value</code> , used for debugging.
<code>env</code>	(environment) The environment in which to evaluate the <code>validation_expr</code> .
<code>allow_zero_length</code>	(length-1 logical, expression, or reactive expression) Is a zero-length vector acceptable?

**Value**

A `vrv` object which returns a validated logical vector.

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