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%alt%	<i>%alt% is the infix notation for the alt function.</i>
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### Description

%alt% is the infix notation for the alt function.

### Usage

p1 %alt% p2

### Arguments

p1	the first parser
p2	the second parser

### Value

Returns the first parser if it succeeds otherwise the second parser

### Examples

```
(item() %alt% succeed("2")) ("abcdef")
```

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%then%                      *%then% is the infix operator for the then combinator.*

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### Description

%then% is the infix operator for the then combinator.

### Usage

```
p1 %then% p2
```

### Arguments

p1	the first parser
p2	the second parser

### Value

recognises anything that p1 and p2 would if placed in succession.

### Examples

```
(item() %then% succeed("123")) ("abc")
```

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%thentree%                      *%thentree% is the infix operator for the then combinator, and it is the preferred way to use the thentree operator.*

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### Description

%thentree% is the infix operator for the then combinator, and it is the preferred way to use the thentree operator.

### Usage

```
p1 %thentree% p2
```

### Arguments

p1	the first parser
p2	the second parser

**Value**

recognises anything that p1 and p2 would if placed in succession.

**See Also**

[alt](#), [thentree](#)

**Examples**

```
(item() %thentree% succeed("123")) ("abc")
```

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%using%	<i>%using% is the infix operator for using</i>
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**Description**

%using% is the infix operator for using

**Usage**

```
p %using% f
```

**Arguments**

p	is the parser to be applied
f	is the function to be applied to each result of p.

**Examples**

```
(item() %using% as.numeric) ("1abc")
```

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Alpha	<i>Alpha checks for single alphabet character</i>
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**Description**

Alpha checks for single alphabet character

**Usage**

```
Alpha(...)
```

**Arguments**

...	additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed
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**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
Alpha()("abc")
```

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AlphaNum

*AlphaNum checks for a single alphanumeric character*

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**Description**

AlphaNum checks for a single alphanumeric character

**Usage**

```
AlphaNum(...)
```

**Arguments**

... additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
AlphaNum("123")
AlphaNum("abc123")
```

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alt

*alt combinator is similar to alternation in BNF. the parser (alt(p1, p2)) recognises anything that p1 or p2 would. The approach taken in this parser follows (Fairbairn86), in which either is interpreted in a sequential (or exclusive) manner, returning the result of the first parser to succeed, and failure if neither does.*

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**Description**

`%alt%` is the infix notation for the `alt` function, and it is the preferred way to use the `alt` operator.

**Usage**

```
alt(p1, p2)
```

**Arguments**

p1            the first parser  
p2            the second parser

**Value**

Returns the first parser if it succeeds otherwise the second parser

**See Also**

[then](#)

**Examples**

```
(item() %alt% succeed("2")) ("abcdef")
```

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Digit

*Digit checks for single digit*

---

**Description**

Digit checks for single digit

**Usage**

```
Digit(...)
```

**Arguments**

...            additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed

**See Also**

[Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#),  
[natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
Digit("123")
```

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ident	<i>ident is a parser which matches zero or more alphanumeric characters.</i>
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**Description**

ident is a parser which matches zero or more alphanumeric characters.

**Usage**

```
ident()
```

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
ident() ("variable1 = 123")
```

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identifier	<i>identifier creates an identifier</i>
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**Description**

identifier creates an identifier

**Usage**

```
identifier(...)
```

**Arguments**

... takes in token primitives

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

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<code>item</code>	<i>item is a parser that consumes the first character of the string and returns the rest. If it cannot consume a single character from the string, it will emit the empty list, indicating the parser has failed.</i>
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**Description**

`item` is a parser that consumes the first character of the string and returns the rest. If it cannot consume a single character from the string, it will emit the empty list, indicating the parser has failed.

**Usage**

```
item(...)
```

**Arguments**

... additional arguments for the parser

**Examples**

```
item() ("abc")  
item() ("")
```

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<code>literal</code>	<i>literal is a parser for single symbols. It will attempt to match the single symbol with the first character in the string.</i>
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**Description**

`literal` is a parser for single symbols. It will attempt to match the single symbol with the first character in the string.

**Usage**

```
literal(char)
```

**Arguments**

`char` is the character to be matched

**Examples**

```
literal("a") ("abc")
```

---

Lower

*Lower checks for single lower case character*

---

### Description

Lower checks for single lower case character

### Usage

```
Lower(...)
```

### Arguments

... additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed

### See Also

[Digit](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

### Examples

```
Lower() ("abc")
```

---

many

*many matches 0 or more of pattern p. In BNF notation, repetition occurs often enough to merit its own abbreviation. When zero or more repetitions of a phrase p are admissible, we simply write p\*. The many combinator corresponds directly to this operator, and is defined in much the same way.*

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### Description

This implementation of many differs from (Hutton92) due to the nature of R's data structures. Since R does not support the concept of a list of tuples, we must revert to using a list rather than a vector, since all values in an R vector must be the same datatype.

### Usage

```
many(p)
```

### Arguments

p is the parser to match 0 or more times.

**See Also**

[maybe](#), [some](#)

**Examples**

```
Digit <- function(...) {satisfy(function(x) {return(grepl("[0-9]", x)))}}
many(Digit()) ("123abc")
many(Digit()) ("abc")
```

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maybe	<i>maybe matches 0 or 1 of pattern p. In EBNF notation, this corresponds to a question mark ('?').</i>
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**Description**

maybe matches 0 or 1 of pattern p. In EBNF notation, this corresponds to a question mark ('?').

**Usage**

```
maybe(p)
```

**Arguments**

p is the parser to be matched 0 or 1 times.

**See Also**

[many](#), [some](#)

**Examples**

```
maybe(Digit())("123abc")
maybe(Digit())("abc123")
```

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nat	<i>nat is a parser which matches one or more numeric characters.</i>
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**Description**

nat is a parser which matches one or more numeric characters.

**Usage**

```
nat()
```

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
nat() ("123 + 456")
```

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natural	natural <i>creates a token parser for natural numbers</i>
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**Description**

natural creates a token parser for natural numbers

**Usage**

```
natural(...)
```

**Arguments**

... additional arguments for the parser

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [symbol](#)

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Ramble	<i>Ramble is a parser generator using combinatory parsers.</i>
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**Description**

Ramble allows you to write parsers in a functional manner, inspired by Haskell's Parsec library.

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satisfy	<i>satisfy is a function which allows us to make parsers that recognise single symbols.</i>
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**Description**

satisfy is a function which allows us to make parsers that recognise single symbols.

**Usage**

satisfy(p)

**Arguments**

p is the predicate to determine if the arbitrary symbol is a member.

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some	<i>some matches 1 or more of pattern p. in BNF notation, repetition occurs often enough to merit its own abbreviation. When zero or more repetitions of a phrase p are admissible, we simply write p+. The some combinator corresponds directly to this operator, and is defined in much the same way.</i>
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**Description**

some matches 1 or more of pattern p. in BNF notation, repetition occurs often enough to merit its own abbreviation. When zero or more repetitions of a phrase p are admissible, we simply write p+. The some combinator corresponds directly to this operator, and is defined in much the same way.

**Usage**

some(p)

**Arguments**

p is the parser to match 1 or more times.

**See Also**

[maybe](#), [many](#)

**Examples**

```
Digit <- function(...) {satisfy(function(x) {return(grepl("[0-9]", x))})}
some(Digit()) ("123abc")
```

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space	<i>space matches zero or more space characters.</i>
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**Description**

space matches zero or more space characters.

**Usage**

```
space()
```

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
space() (" abc")
```

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SpaceCheck	<i>SpaceCheck checks for a single space character</i>
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**Description**

SpaceCheck checks for a single space character

**Usage**

```
SpaceCheck(...)
```

**Arguments**

... additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
SpaceCheck>(" 123")
```

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String	<i>String is a combinator which allows us to build parsers which recognise strings of symbols, rather than just single symbols</i>
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**Description**

String is a combinator which allows us to build parsers which recognise strings of symbols, rather than just single symbols

**Usage**

```
String(string)
```

**Arguments**

string            is the string to be matched

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
String("123")("123 abc")
```

---

succeed	<i>succeed is based on the empty string symbol in the BNF notation The succeed parser always succeeds, without actually consuming any input string. Since the outcome of succeed does not depend on its input, its result value must be pre-determined, so it is included as an extra parameter.</i>
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**Description**

succeed is based on the empty string symbol in the BNF notation The succeed parser always succeeds, without actually consuming any input string. Since the outcome of succeed does not depend on its input, its result value must be pre-determined, so it is included as an extra parameter.

**Usage**

```
succeed(string)
```

**Arguments**

string            the result value of succeed parser

**Examples**

```
succeed("1") ("abc")
```

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symbol	symbol creates a token for a symbol
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**Description**

symbol creates a token for a symbol

**Usage**

```
symbol(xs)
```

**Arguments**

xs	takes in a string to create a token
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**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#)

**Examples**

```
symbol("[") (" [123]")
```

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then	then <i>combinator</i> corresponds to sequencing in BNF. The parser (then(p1, p2)) recognises anything that p1 and p2 would if placed in succession.
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---

**Description**

`%then%` is the infix operator for the then combinator, and it is the preferred way to use the then operator.

**Usage**

```
then(p1, p2)
```

**Arguments**

p1	the first parser
p2	the second parser

**Value**

recognises anything that p1 and p2 would if placed in succession.

**See Also**

[alt](#), [thentree](#)

**Examples**

```
(item() %then% succeed("123")) ("abc")
```

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thentree	<i>thentree keeps the full tree representation of the results of parsing. Otherwise, it is identical to then.</i>
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**Description**

thentree keeps the full tree representation of the results of parsing. Otherwise, it is identical to then.

**Usage**

```
thentree(p1, p2)
```

**Arguments**

p1	the first parser
p2	the second parser

**Value**

recognises anything that p1 and p2 would if placed in succession.

**See Also**

[alt](#), [thentree](#)

**Examples**

```
(item() %thentree% succeed("123")) ("abc")
```

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token	<i>token is a new primitive that ignores any space before and after applying a parser to a token.</i>
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---

**Description**

token is a new primitive that ignores any space before and after applying a parser to a token.

**Usage**

```
token(p)
```

**Arguments**

p is the parser to have spaces stripped.

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Upper](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

```
token(ident()) (" variable1 ")
```

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Unlist	<i>Unlist is the same as unlist, but doesn't recurse all the way to preserve the type. This function is not well optimised.</i>
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**Description**

Unlist is the same as unlist, but doesn't recurse all the way to preserve the type. This function is not well optimised.

**Usage**

```
Unlist(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj is a list to be flatten

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Upper	<i>Upper checks for a single upper case character</i>
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**Description**

Upper checks for a single upper case character

**Usage**

Upper(...)

**Arguments**

... additional arguments for the primitives to be parsed

**See Also**

[Digit](#), [Lower](#), [Alpha](#), [AlphaNum](#), [SpaceCheck](#), [String](#), [ident](#), [nat](#), [space](#), [token](#), [identifier](#), [natural](#), [symbol](#)

**Examples**

Upper("Abc")

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using	<i>using combinator allows us to manipulate results from a parser, for example building a parse tree. The parser (p %using% f) has the same behaviour as the parser p, except that the function f is applied to each of its result values.</i>
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**Description**

%using% is the infix operator for using, and it is the preferred way to use the using operator.

**Usage**

using(p, f)

**Arguments**

p is the parser to be applied  
 f is the function to be applied to each result of p.

**Value**

The parser (p %using% f) has the same behaviour as the parser p, except that the function f is applied to each of its result values.

**Examples**

```
(item() %using% as.numeric) ("1abc")
```

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