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### Overview

Package `utf8` implements functions and constants to support text encoded in UTF-8. It includes functions to translate between runes and UTF-8 byte sequences. See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UTF-8>

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## Constants

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```
const (  
    RuneError = '\uFFFD'      // the "error" Rune or "Unicode replacement character"  
    RuneSelf  = 0x80         // characters below RuneSelf are represented as themselves  
    MaxRune   = '\U0010FFFF' // Maximum valid Unicode code point.  
    UTFMax    = 4            // maximum number of bytes of a UTF-8 encoded Unicode char  
)
```

Numbers fundamental to the encoding.

## Variables

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## Functions

### func [AppendRune](#)

added in go1.18

```
func AppendRune(p []byte, r rune) []byte
```

`AppendRune` appends the UTF-8 encoding of `r` to the end of `p` and returns the extended buffer. If the rune is out of range, it appends the encoding of `RuneError`.

► [Example](#)

### func [DecodeLastRune](#)

```
func DecodeLastRune(p []byte) (r rune, size int)
```

DecodeLastRune unpacks the last UTF-8 encoding in p and returns the rune and its width in bytes. If p is empty it returns (RuneError, 0). Otherwise, if the encoding is invalid, it returns (RuneError, 1). Both are impossible results for correct, non-empty UTF-8.

An encoding is invalid if it is incorrect UTF-8, encodes a rune that is out of range, or is not the shortest possible UTF-8 encoding for the value. No other validation is performed.

► [Example](#)

## func DecodeLastRuneInString

```
func DecodeLastRuneInString(s string) (r rune, size int)
```

DecodeLastRuneInString is like DecodeLastRune but its input is a string. If s is empty it returns (RuneError, 0). Otherwise, if the encoding is invalid, it returns (RuneError, 1). Both are impossible results for correct, non-empty UTF-8.

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## func DecodeRune

```
func DecodeRune(p []byte) (r rune, size int)
```

DecodeRune unpacks the first UTF-8 encoding in p and returns the rune and its width in bytes. If p is empty it returns (RuneError, 0). Otherwise, if the encoding is invalid, it returns (RuneError, 1). Both are impossible results for correct, non-empty UTF-8.

An encoding is invalid if it is incorrect UTF-8, encodes a rune that is out of range, or is not the shortest possible UTF-8 encoding for the value. No other validation is performed.

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## func DecodeRuneInString

```
func DecodeRuneInString(s string) (r rune, size int)
```

DecodeRuneInString is like DecodeRune but its input is a string. If s is empty it returns (RuneError, 0). Otherwise, if the encoding is invalid, it returns (RuneError, 1). Both are impossible results for correct, non-empty UTF-8.

An encoding is invalid if it is incorrect UTF-8, encodes a rune that is out of range, or is not the shortest possible UTF-8 encoding for the value. No other validation is performed.

► [Example](#)

## func EncodeRune

```
func EncodeRune(p []byte, r rune) int
```

EncodeRune writes into p (which must be large enough) the UTF-8 encoding of the rune. If the rune is out of range, it writes the encoding of RuneError. It returns the number of bytes written.

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## func FullRune

```
func FullRune(p []byte) bool
```

FullRune reports whether the bytes in p begin with a full UTF-8 encoding of a rune. An invalid encoding is considered a full Rune since it will convert as a width-1 error rune.

► [Example](#)

## func FullRuneInString

```
func FullRuneInString(s string) bool
```

FullRuneInString is like FullRune but its input is a string.

► [Example](#)

## func RuneCount

```
func RuneCount(p []byte) int
```

RuneCount returns the number of runes in p. Erroneous and short encodings are treated as single runes of width 1 byte.

► [Example](#)

## func RuneCountInString

```
func RuneCountInString(s string) (n int)
```

RuneCountInString is like RuneCount but its input is a string.

► [Example](#)

## func RuneLen

```
func RuneLen(r rune) int
```

RuneLen returns the number of bytes required to encode the rune. It returns -1 if the rune is not a valid value to encode in UTF-8.

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## func RuneStart

```
func RuneStart(b byte) bool
```

RuneStart reports whether the byte could be the first byte of an encoded, possibly invalid rune. Second and subsequent bytes always have the top two bits set to 10.

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## func Valid

```
func Valid(p []byte) bool
```

Valid reports whether p consists entirely of valid UTF-8-encoded runes.

► [Example](#)

## func ValidRune

added in go1.1

```
func ValidRune(r rune) bool
```

ValidRune reports whether r can be legally encoded as UTF-8. Code points that are out of range or a surrogate half are illegal.

► [Example](#)

## func ValidString

```
func ValidString(s string) bool
```

ValidString reports whether s consists entirely of valid UTF-8-encoded runes.

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