

# String Array Manipulations, Join, Find, Replace and the Alphabet

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## Generate a String Array from Strings

Empty String Array and fill with values.

```
ar_st_titles = strings([3,1]);  
ar_st_titles(1) = 'Title1';  
ar_st_titles(2) = 'Title2';  
ar_st_titles(3) = 'Title3';  
disp(ar_st_titles);
```

```
"Title1"  
"Title2"  
"Title3"
```

Three title lines, with double quotes:

```
ar_st_titles = ["Title1","Title2","Title3"]';  
disp(ar_st_titles);
```

```
"Title1"  
"Title2"  
"Title3"
```

Three words, joined together, now single quotes, this creates one string, rather than a string array:

```
st_titles = ['Title1','Title2','Title3'];  
disp(st_titles);
```

```
Title1Title2Title3
```

Given some previously defined chars or strings with single or double quotes, not sure which. To safely generate a string array, wrap in brackets and then convert with string function. This generates a string array whether the original inputs were single or double quoted:

```
st_a = 'a';  
st_b = 'b';  
st_c = 'c';  
st_a_dq = "a";  
st_b_dq = "b";  
st_c_dq = "c";  
ar_st_singlequotes = string({st_a, st_b, st_c});  
ar_st_doublequotes = string({st_a_dq, st_b_dq, st_c_dq});  
disp(["st_singlequotes" ar_st_singlequotes]);
```

```
"st_singlequotes"    "a"    "b"    "c"
```

```
disp(["ar_st_doublequotes" ar_st_doublequotes]);
```

```
"ar_st_doublequotes"    "a"    "b"    "c"
```

Convert the string array to a cell string array

```
disp(cellstr(ar_st_doublequotes));
```

```
{'a'}    {'b'}    {'c'}
```

## String Cell Array

Create a string array:

```
ar_st_title_one = {'Title One Line'};  
ar_st_titles = {'Title1','Title2','Title3'};  
disp(ar_st_title_one);
```

```
{'Title One Line'}
```

```
disp(ar_st_titles);
```

```
{'Title1'}    {'Title2'}    {'Title3'}
```

Add to a string array:

```
ar_st_titles{4} = 'Title4';  
disp(ar_st_titles);
```

```
{'Title1'}    {'Title2'}    {'Title3'}    {'Title4'}
```

Update one of the strings:

```
ar_st_title_one{1} = strcat('log(', ar_st_title_one{1},')');  
ar_st_titles{1} = strcat('log(', ar_st_titles{1},')');  
disp(ar_st_title_one);
```

```
{'log(Title One Line)'}
```

```
disp(ar_st_titles);
```

```
{'log(Title1)'    {'Title2'}    {'Title3'}    {'Title4'}
```

## Joint String Cell Array with Suffix

```
ar_st_titles = {'Title1','Title2','Title3'};  
disp(strcat(ar_st_titles, '_init'));
```

```
{'Title1_init'}    {'Title2_init'}    {'Title3_init'}
```

## Duplicate String

```
it_duplicate_n = 10;  
disp(repmat({'String'}, [1, it_duplicate_n]));
```

Columns 1 through 9

```
{'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}    {'String'}
```

Column 10

```
{'String'}
```

## String Join to form Single Element

using char() is safe

```
st_var_name = "abc"
```

```
st_var_name =  
"abc"
```

```
st_var_name = [st_var_name ' percentile values']
```

```
st_var_name = 1×2 string  
"abc"         " percentile values"
```

```
strjoin(st_var_name)
```

```
ans =  
"abc percentile values"
```

```
st_var_name = "abc"
```

```
st_var_name =  
"abc"
```

```
st_var_name = [char(st_var_name) ' percentile values']
```

```
st_var_name =  
'abc percentile values'
```

```
st_var_name = 'abc'
```

```
st_var_name =  
'abc'
```

```
st_var_name = [char(st_var_name) ' percentile values']
```

```
st_var_name =  
'abc percentile values'
```

## String Join dash (Paste)

This is similar to R's paste function:

```
st_var_name = "abc";  
st_var_name = [st_var_name, 'efg', 'mqo'];  
disp(strjoin(st_var_name, "_"));
```

```
abc_efg_mqo
```

```
disp(strjoin(st_var_name, ","));
```

```
abc,efg,mqo
```

## Numeric Array to String without Space

String replace

```
ar_it_test_grp = [3, 8, 9];  
strrep(num2str(ar_it_test_grp), ' ', '_')
```

```
ans =  
'3_8_9'
```

## Substring replace in Cell Array

```
ar_st_cells = {'shock=0.35', 'shock=0.40', 'shock=0.46'};  
ar_st_updated_cells = strrep(ar_st_cells, 'shock', '$\epsilon$');  
disp(ar_st_updated_cells);
```

```
{'$\epsilon$=0.35'}    {'$\epsilon$=0.40'}    {'$\epsilon$=0.46'}
```

## Find position of String in String Cell

```
ls_st_param_key = {'fl_crra', 'fl_beta', ...  
                  'fl_w', 'fl_r_save', ...  
                  'fl_a_max', 'it_z_n', 'it_a_n'};  
st_param_key = 'fl_a_max';  
find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, st_param_key))
```

```
ans = 5
```

## Find the positions of String Cells in Full String Cells

Find the positions of fl\_w, fl\_beta, and it\_z\_n in ls\_st\_param\_key. Then just find the position of fl\_crra. When looking for the position of something that does not exist, generate an find outcome array of length 0.

```
ls_st_param_key = {'fl_crra', 'fl_beta', ...  
                  'fl_w', 'fl_r_save', ...  
                  'fl_a_max', 'it_z_n', 'it_a_n'};  
  
cl_st_param_keys = {'fl_w', 'fl_beta', 'it_z_n'};  
  
cell2mat(cellfun(@(m) find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, m)), ...  
                cl_st_param_keys, 'UniformOutput', false))
```

```
ans = 1x3  
      3      2      6
```

```
find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra'))
```

```
ans = 1
```

```
length(find(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra_not_exist')))
```

```
ans = 0
```

```
~sum(strcmp(ls_st_param_key, 'fl_crra_not_exist'))
```

```
ans = logical
     1
```

## Cell to string Paste and Replace dash

```
cl_st_param_keys = {'fl_crra', 'fl_beta'};
display(strrep(strjoin(cl_st_param_keys, '-'), '_', '\_'));
```

```
fl\_crra-fl\_beta
```

## Generate Alphebetical String Array from A to Z

Generate a single string that is A to Z, then generate this as a string array.

```
% a to z single string
st_a2z = 'a':'z';
% a to z array of letters
ar_st_a2z = string(('A':'Z'))';
% Display
disp(st_a2z);
```

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
```

```
disp(ar_st_a2z);
```

Columns 1 through 18

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"	"G"	"H"	"I"	"J"	"K"	"L"	"M"	"N"	"O"	"P"
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Columns 19 through 26

"S"	"T"	"U"	"V"	"W"	"X"	"Y"	"Z"
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