R String Arrays

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0.0.1 String Arrays

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String Replace

- r string wildcard replace between regex
- R - replace part of a string using wildcards

```
# String replacement
gsub(x = paste0(unique(df.slds.stats.perc$it.inner.counter), ':',
                unique(df.slds.stats.perc$z_n_a_n), collapse = ';'),
     pattern = "\n",
     replacement = "")
gsub(x = var,  pattern = "\n", replacement = "")
gsub(x = var.input,  pattern = "\\.", replacement = "_")
```

String replaces a segment, search by wildcard. Given the string below, delete all text between carriage return and pound sign:

```
st_tex_text <- "\n% Lat2ex Comments\n\\newcommand{\\exa}{\\text{from external file: } \\alpha + \\beta}
st_clean_a1 <- gsub("\\%.*?\\\n", "", st_tex_text)
st_clean_a2 <- gsub("L.*?x", "[LATEX]", st_tex_text)
print(paste0('st_tex_text:', st_tex_text))
```

```
## [1] "st_tex_text:\n% Lat2ex Comments\n\\newcommand{\\exa}{\\text{from external file: } \\alpha + \\b
```

```
print(paste0('st_clean_a1:', st_clean_a1))
```

```
## [1] "st_clean_a1:\n\\newcommand{\\exa}{\\text{from external file: } \\alpha + \\beta}\n"
```

```
print(paste0('st_clean_a2:', st_clean_a2))
```

```
## [1] "st_clean_a2:\n% [LATEX] Comments\n\\newcommand{\\exa}{\\text{from external file: } \\alpha + \\
```

String delete after a particular string:

```
st_tex_text <- "\\end{equation}\n}\n% Even more comments from Latex preamble"
st_clean_a1 <- gsub("\\\n%.*","", st_tex_text)
print(paste0('st_tex_text:', st_tex_text))
```

```
## [1] "st_tex_text:\\end{equation}\n}\n% Even more comments from Latex preamble"
```

```r
print(paste0('st_clean_a1:', st_clean_a1))
```

```
## [1] "st_clean_a1:\\end{equation}\n}"
```

Search If and Which String Contains

- r if string contains
- r if string contains either or grepl
- Use grepl to search either of multiple substrings in a text

Search for a single substring in a single string:

```r
st_example_a <- 'C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble/fs_tib_basics.Rmd'
st_example_b <- 'C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble/_main.html'
grepl('_main', st_example_a)
```

```
## [1] FALSE
```

```r
grepl('_main', st_example_b)
```

```
## [1] TRUE
```

Search for if one of a set of substring exists in a set of strings. In particular which one of the elements of *ls_spn* contains at least one of the elements of *ls_str_if_contains*. In the example below, only the first path does not contain either the word *aggregate* or *index* in the path. This can be used after all paths have been found recursively in some folder to select only desired paths from the full set of possibilities:

```r
ls_spn <- c("C:/Users/fan/R4Econ//panel/basic/fs_genpanel.Rmd",
            "C:/Users/fan/R4Econ//summarize/aggregate/main.Rmd",
            "C:/Users/fan/R4Econ//summarize/index/fs_index_populate.Rmd")
ls_str_if_contains <- c("aggregate", "index")
str_if_contains <- paste(ls_str_if_contains, collapse = "|")
grepl(str_if_contains, ls_spn)
```

```
## [1] FALSE  TRUE  TRUE
```

```r

# Simple Collapse
vars.group.by <- c('abc', 'efg')
paste0(vars.group.by, collapse='|')
```

String Concatenate

```
## [1] "abc|efg"
```

```r

# Add Leading zero for integer values to allow for sorting when
# integers are combined into strings
it_z_n <- 1
it_a_n <- 192
print(sprintf("%02d", it_z_n))
```

String Add Leading Zero

```
## [1] "01"
```

```r
print(sprintf("%04d", it_a_n))
```

```
## [1] "0192"
```

Substring and File Name From path, get file name without suffix.

- r string split
- r list last element
- r get file name from path
- r get file path no name

```
st_example <- 'C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble/fs_tib_basics.Rmd'
st_file_wth_suffix <- tail(strsplit(st_example, "/")[[1]],n=1)
st_file_wno_suffix <- sub('\\.Rmd$', '', basename(st_example))
st_fullpath_nosufx <- sub('\\.Rmd$', '', st_example)
st_lastpath_noname <- (dirname(st_example))
st_fullpath_noname <- dirname(st_example)

print(strsplit(st_example, "/"))
```

```
## [[1]]
## [1] "C:"                "Users"             "fan"               "R4Econ"            "amto"
```

```
print(st_file_wth_suffix)
```

```
## [1] "fs_tib_basics.Rmd"
```

```
print(st_file_wno_suffix)
```

```
## [1] "fs_tib_basics"
```

```
print(st_fullpath_nosufx)
```

```
## [1] "C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble/fs_tib_basics"
```

```
print(st_lastpath_noname)
```

```
## [1] "C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble"
```

```
print(st_fullpath_noname)
```

```
## [1] "C:/Users/fan/R4Econ/amto/tibble"
```