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clipboard

Returns values from the clipboard

# Description

This is useful in the read\_delim() functions to read from the clipboard.

#### Usage

```
clipboard()
```

#### See Also

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cols

Create column specification

# Description

cols() includes all columns in the input data, guessing the column types as the default. cols\_only() includes only the columns you explicitly specify, skipping the rest. In general you can substitute list() for cols() without changing the behavior.

# Usage

```
cols(..., .default = col_guess())
cols_only(...)
```

## **Arguments**

Either column objects created by col\_\*(), or their abbreviated character names (as described in the col\_types argument of read\_delim()). If you're only overriding a few columns, it's best to refer to columns by name. If not named, the column types must match the column names exactly.

.default

Any named columns not explicitly overridden in . . . will be read with this column type.

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#### **Details**

The available specifications are: (with string abbreviations in brackets)

- col\_logical() [1], containing only T, F, TRUE or FALSE.
- col\_integer() [i], integers.
- col\_double() [d], doubles.
- col\_character() [c], everything else.
- col\_factor(levels, ordered) [f], a fixed set of values.
- col\_date(format = "") [D]: with the locale's date\_format.
- col\_time(format = "") [t]: with the locale's time\_format.
- col\_datetime(format = "") [T]: ISO8601 date times
- col\_number() [n], numbers containing the grouping\_mark
- col\_skip() [\_, -], don't import this column.
- col\_guess() [?], parse using the "best" type based on the input.

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), parse_datetime(), parse_factor(), parse_guess(), parse_logical(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

```
cols(a = col_integer())
cols_only(a = col_integer())
# You can also use the standard abbreviations
cols(a = "i")
cols(a = "i", b = "d", c = "_")
# You can also use multiple sets of column definitions by combining
# them like so:
t1 <- cols(
  column_one = col_integer(),
  column_two = col_number()
)
t2 <- cols(
  column_three = col_character()
)
t3 <- t1
t3$cols <- c(t1$cols, t2$cols)
```

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cols\_condense

Examine the column specifications for a data frame

## **Description**

cols\_condense() takes a spec object and condenses its definition by setting the default column type to the most frequent type and only listing columns with a different type.

spec() extracts the full column specification from a tibble created by readr.

# Usage

```
cols_condense(x)
spec(x)
```

# **Arguments**

Χ

The data frame object to extract from

#### Value

A col\_spec object.

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols(), parse_datetime(), parse_factor(), parse_guess(), parse_logical(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

# **Examples**

```
df <- read_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv"))
s <- spec(df)
s
cols_condense(s)</pre>
```

col\_skip

Skip a column

## Description

Use this function to ignore a column when reading in a file. To skip all columns not otherwise specified, use cols\_only().

```
col_skip()
```

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## See Also

Other parsers: cols\_condense(), cols(), parse\_datetime(), parse\_factor(), parse\_guess(), parse\_logical(), parse\_number(), parse\_vector()

count\_fields

Count the number of fields in each line of a file

# Description

This is useful for diagnosing problems with functions that fail to parse correctly.

# Usage

```
count_fields(file, tokenizer, skip = 0, n_max = -1L)
```

# **Arguments**

file Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw

vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and

decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

A tokenizer that specifies how to break the file up into fields, e.g., tokenizer\_csv(), tokenizer

tokenizer\_fwf()

skip Number of lines to skip before reading data.

Optionally, maximum number of rows to count fields for. n\_max

```
count_fields(readr_example("mtcars.csv"), tokenizer_csv())
```

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date\_names

Create or retrieve date names

#### **Description**

When parsing dates, you often need to know how weekdays of the week and months are represented as text. This pair of functions allows you to either create your own, or retrieve from a standard list. The standard list is derived from ICU (http://site.icu-project.org) via the stringi package.

#### Usage

```
date_names(mon, mon_ab = mon, day, day_ab = day, am_pm = c("AM", "PM"))
date_names_lang(language)
date_names_langs()
```

# **Arguments**

mon, mon\_ab Full and abbreviated month names.

day, day\_ab Full and abbreviated week day names. Starts with Sunday.

am\_pm Names used for AM and PM.

language A BCP 47 locale, made up of a language and a region, e.g. "en" for American

English. See date\_names\_langs() for a complete list of available locales.

## **Examples**

```
date_names_lang("en")
date_names_lang("ko")
date_names_lang("fr")
```

edition\_get

Retrieve the currently active edition

# Description

Retrieve the currently active edition

#### Usage

```
edition_get()
```

### Value

An integer corresponding to the currently active edition.

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## **Examples**

```
edition_get()
```

format\_delim

Convert a data frame to a delimited string

# **Description**

These functions are equivalent to write\_csv() etc., but instead of writing to disk, they return a string.

```
format_delim(
 Х,
  delim,
 na = "NA",
 append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
 quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
 escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
 eol = "\n",
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
format_csv(
 х,
 na = "NA",
 append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
 quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
 escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
 eol = "\n",
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
format_csv2(
  Х,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
 quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
 escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
 eol = "\n",
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
```

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```
format_tsv(
    x,
    na = "NA",
    append = FALSE,
    col_names = !append,
    quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
    escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
    eol = "\n",
    quote_escape = deprecated()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A data frame.

delim Delimiter used to separate values. Defaults to " " for write\_delim(), ", " for

write\_excel\_csv() and ";" for write\_excel\_csv2(). Must be a single char-

acter.

na String used for missing values. Defaults to NA. Missing values will never be

quoted; strings with the same value as na will always be quoted.

append If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In

both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.

col\_names If FALSE, column names will not be included at the top of the file. If TRUE, col-

umn names will be included. If not specified, col\_names will take the opposite

value given to append.

quote How to handle fields which contain characters that need to be quoted.

• needed - Values are only quoted if needed: if they contain a delimiter,

quote, or newline.

• all - Quote all fields.

• none - Never quote fields.

escape The type of escape to use when quotes are in the data.

• double - quotes are escaped by doubling them.

• backslash - quotes are escaped by a preceding backslash.

• none - quotes are not escaped.

eol The end of line character to use. Most commonly either "\n" for Unix style

newlines, or "\r\n" for Windows style newlines.

quote\_escape [Deprecated] Use the escape argument instead.

### Value

A string.

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#### Output

Factors are coerced to character. Doubles are formatted to a decimal string using the grisu3 algorithm. POSIXct values are formatted as ISO8601 with a UTC timezone *Note:* POSIXct *objects in local or non-UTC timezones will be converted to UTC time before writing.* 

All columns are encoded as UTF-8. write\_excel\_csv() and write\_excel\_csv2() also include a UTF-8 Byte order mark which indicates to Excel the csv is UTF-8 encoded.

write\_excel\_csv2() and write\_csv2 were created to allow users with different locale settings to save .csv files using their default settings (e.g. ; as the column separator and , as the decimal separator). This is common in some European countries.

Values are only quoted if they contain a comma, quote or newline.

The write\_\*() functions will automatically compress outputs if an appropriate extension is given. Three extensions are currently supported: .gz for gzip compression, .bz2 for bzip2 compression and .xz for lzma compression. See the examples for more information.

#### References

Florian Loitsch, Printing Floating-Point Numbers Quickly and Accurately with Integers, PLDI '10, http://www.cs.tufts.edu/~nr/cs257/archive/florian-loitsch/printf.pdf

#### **Examples**

```
# format_()* functions are useful for testing and reprexes
cat(format_csv(mtcars))
cat(format_tsv(mtcars))
cat(format_delim(mtcars, ";"))

# Specifying missing values
df <- data.frame(x = c(1, NA, 3))
format_csv(df, na = "missing")

# Quotes are automatically added as needed
df <- data.frame(x = c("a ", '"', ",", "\n"))
cat(format_csv(df))</pre>
```

guess\_encoding

Guess encoding of file

# **Description**

Uses stringi::stri\_enc\_detect(): see the documentation there for caveats.

```
guess_encoding(file, n_max = 10000, threshold = 0.2)
```

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# **Arguments**

file A character string specifying an input as specified in datasource(), a raw vec-

tor, or a list of raw vectors.

n\_max Number of lines to read. If n\_max is -1, all lines in file will be read.

threshold Only report guesses above this threshold of certainty.

#### Value

A tibble

# Examples

```
guess_encoding(readr_example("mtcars.csv"))
guess_encoding(read_lines_raw(readr_example("mtcars.csv")))
guess_encoding(read_file_raw(readr_example("mtcars.csv")))
guess_encoding("a\n\u00b5\u00b5")
```

locale

Create locales

# **Description**

A locale object tries to capture all the defaults that can vary between countries. You set the locale in once, and the details are automatically passed on down to the columns parsers. The defaults have been chosen to match R (i.e. US English) as closely as possible. See vignette("locales") for more details.

```
locale(
  date_names = "en",
  date_format = "%AD",
  time_format = "%AT",
  decimal_mark = ".",
  grouping_mark = ",",
  tz = "UTC",
  encoding = "UTF-8",
  asciify = FALSE
)

default_locale()
```

## **Arguments**

date\_names Character representations of day and month names. Either the language code as

string (passed on to date\_names\_lang()) or an object created by date\_names().

date\_format, time\_format

Default date and time formats.

decimal\_mark, grouping\_mark

Symbols used to indicate the decimal place, and to chunk larger numbers. Dec-

imal mark can only be, or ..

tz Default tz. This is used both for input (if the time zone isn't present in indi-

vidual strings), and for output (to control the default display). The default is to use "UTC", a time zone that does not use daylight savings time (DST) and hence is typically most useful for data. The absence of time zones makes it approximately 50x faster to generate UTC times than any other time zone.

Use "" to use the system default time zone, but beware that this will not be reproducible across systems.

For a complete list of possible time zones, see OlsonNames(). Americans, note that "EST" is a Canadian time zone that does not have DST. It is *not* Eastern

Standard Time. It's better to use "US/Eastern", "US/Central" etc.

encoding Default encoding. This only affects how the file is read - readr always converts

the output to UTF-8.

asciify Should diacritics be stripped from date names and converted to ASCII? This is

useful if you're dealing with ASCII data where the correct spellings have been

lost. Requires the stringi package.

# Examples

```
locale()
locale("fr")

# South American locale
locale("es", decimal_mark = ",")
```

 $melt\_delim$ 

Return melted data for each token in a delimited file (including csv & tsv)

#### **Description**

[Superseded] This function has been superseded in readr and moved to the meltr package.

```
melt_delim(
  file,
  delim,
```

```
quote = "\"",
  escape_backslash = FALSE,
  escape_double = TRUE,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = FALSE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
 progress = show_progress(),
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE
melt_csv(
  file,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  progress = show_progress(),
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
melt_csv2(
  file,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  progress = show_progress(),
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
melt_tsv(
  file,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
```

```
comment = "",
trim_ws = TRUE,
skip = 0,
n_max = Inf,
progress = show_progress(),
skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

file Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw

vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

delim Single character used to separate fields within a record.

quote Single character used to quote strings.

escape\_backslash

escape\_double

Does the file use backslashes to escape special characters? This is more general than escape\_double as backslashes can be used to escape the delimiter character, the quote character, or to add special characters like \\n.

Does the file escape quotes by doubling them? i.e. If this option is TRUE, the

value """" represents a single quote, \".

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

na Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

quoted\_na [Deprecated] Should missing values inside quotes be treated as missing values

(the default) or strings. This parameter is soft deprecated as of readr 2.0.0.

comment A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will

be silently ignored.

trim\_ws Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed

from each field before parsing it?

skip Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any com-

mented lines are ignored after skipping.

n\_max Maximum number of lines to read.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

```
skip_empty_rows
```

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

#### **Details**

For certain non-rectangular data formats, it can be useful to parse the data into a melted format where each row represents a single token.

melt\_csv() and melt\_tsv() are special cases of the general melt\_delim(). They're useful for reading the most common types of flat file data, comma separated values and tab separated values, respectively. melt\_csv2() uses; for the field separator and, for the decimal point. This is common in some European countries.

#### Value

A tibble() of four columns:

- row, the row that the token comes from in the original file
- col, the column that the token comes from in the original file
- data\_type, the data type of the token, e.g. "integer", "character", "date", guessed in a similar way to the guess\_parser() function.
- value, the token itself as a character string, unchanged from its representation in the original file.

If there are parsing problems, a warning tells you how many, and you can retrieve the details with problems().

#### See Also

read\_delim() for the conventional way to read rectangular data from delimited files.

```
# Input sources ------
# Read from a path
melt_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv"))
melt_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv.zip"))
melt_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv.bz2"))
## Not run:
melt_csv("https://github.com/tidyverse/readr/raw/main/inst/extdata/mtcars.csv")
## End(Not run)
# Or directly from a string (must contain a newline)
melt_csv("x,y\n1,2\n3,4")
# To import empty cells as 'empty' rather than 'NA'
melt_csv("x,y\n,NA,\"\",''", na = "NA")
```

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```
# File types -----
melt_csv("a,b\n1.0,2.0")
melt_csv2("a;b\n1.0;2,0")
melt_tsv("a\tb\n1.0\t2.0")
melt_delim("a|b\n1.0|2.0", delim = "|")
```

melt\_fwf

Return melted data for each token in a fixed width file

## **Description**

[Superseded] This function has been superseded in readr and moved to the meltr package.

## Usage

```
melt_fwf(
   file,
   col_positions,
   locale = default_locale(),
   na = c("", "NA"),
   comment = "",
   trim_ws = TRUE,
   skip = 0,
   n_max = Inf,
   progress = show_progress(),
   skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

col\_positions

Column positions, as created by fwf\_empty(), fwf\_widths() or fwf\_positions(). To read in only selected fields, use fwf\_positions(). If the width of the last column is variable (a ragged fwf file), supply the last end position as NA.

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

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na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.	
comment	A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will be silently ignored.	
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?	
skip	Number of lines to skip before reading data.	
n_max	Maximum number of lines to read.	
progress	Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr.show_progress to FALSE.	
skip_empty_rows		
	Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented	

#### **Details**

For certain non-rectangular data formats, it can be useful to parse the data into a melted format where each row represents a single token.

by NA values in all the columns.

melt\_fwf() parses each token of a fixed width file into a single row, but it still requires that each field is in the same in every row of the source file.

# See Also

melt\_table() to melt fixed width files where each column is separated by whitespace, and read\_fwf() for the conventional way to read rectangular data from fixed width files.

```
fwf_sample <- readr_example("fwf-sample.txt")
cat(read_lines(fwf_sample))

# You can specify column positions in several ways:
# 1. Guess based on position of empty columns
melt_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_empty(fwf_sample, col_names = c("first", "last", "state", "ssn")))
# 2. A vector of field widths
melt_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_widths(c(20, 10, 12), c("name", "state", "ssn")))
# 3. Paired vectors of start and end positions
melt_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_positions(c(1, 30), c(10, 42), c("name", "ssn")))
# 4. Named arguments with start and end positions
melt_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = c(1, 10), ssn = c(30, 42)))
# 5. Named arguments with column widths
melt_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = 20, state = 10, ssn = 12))</pre>
```

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melt\_table

Return melted data for each token in a whitespace-separated file

## **Description**

[Superseded] This function has been superseded in readr and moved to the meltr package.

For certain non-rectangular data formats, it can be useful to parse the data into a melted format where each row represents a single token.

melt\_table() and melt\_table2() are designed to read the type of textual data where each column is separated by one (or more) columns of space.

melt\_table2() allows any number of whitespace characters between columns, and the lines can be of different lengths.

melt\_table() is more strict, each line must be the same length, and each field is in the same position in every line. It first finds empty columns and then parses like a fixed width file.

#### Usage

```
melt_table(
  file,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = "NA",
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  guess_max = min(n_max, 1000),
  progress = show_progress(),
  comment = "",
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
melt_table2(
  file,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = "NA",
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  progress = show_progress(),
  comment = "",
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

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Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

na Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

skip Number of lines to skip before reading data.

n\_max Maximum number of lines to read.

guess\_max Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types. Will never use

more than the number of lines read. See  $\mbox{vignette}(\mbox{"column-types"},\mbox{ package}$ 

= "readr") for more details.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

comment A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will

be silently ignored.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented

by NA values in all the columns.

#### See Also

melt\_fwf() to melt fixed width files where each column is not separated by whitespace. melt\_fwf() is also useful for reading tabular data with non-standard formatting. read\_table() is the conventional way to read tabular data from whitespace-separated files.

```
fwf <- readr_example("fwf-sample.txt")
writeLines(read_lines(fwf))
melt_table(fwf)

ws <- readr_example("whitespace-sample.txt")
writeLines(read_lines(ws))
melt_table2(ws)</pre>
```

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Parse logicals, integers, and reals

# Description

Use parse\_\*() if you have a character vector you want to parse. Use col\_\*() in conjunction with a read\_\*() function to parse the values as they're read in.

# Usage

```
parse_logical(x, na = c("", "NA"), locale = default_locale(), trim_ws = TRUE)

parse_integer(x, na = c("", "NA"), locale = default_locale(), trim_ws = TRUE)

parse_double(x, na = c("", "NA"), locale = default_locale(), trim_ws = TRUE)

parse_character(x, na = c("", "NA"), locale = default_locale(), trim_ws = TRUE)

col_logical()

col_logical()

col_double()

col_character()
```

# Arguments

X	Character vector of values to parse.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.
locale	The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), cols(), parse_datetime(), parse_factor(), parse_guess(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

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# **Examples**

```
parse_integer(c("1", "2", "3"))
parse_double(c("1", "2", "3.123"))
parse_number("$1,123,456.00")

# Use locale to override default decimal and grouping marks
es_MX <- locale("es", decimal_mark = ",")
parse_number("$1.123.456,00", locale = es_MX)

# Invalid values are replaced with missing values with a warning.
x <- c("1", "2", "3", "-")
parse_double(x)
# Or flag values as missing
parse_double(x, na = "-")</pre>
```

parse\_datetime

Parse date/times

# **Description**

Parse date/times

```
parse_datetime(
  Χ,
  format = "",
 na = c("", "NA"),
  locale = default_locale(),
  trim_ws = TRUE
)
parse_date(
 Х,
  format = "",
 na = c("", "NA"),
 locale = default_locale(),
  trim_ws = TRUE
)
parse_time(
  х,
  format = "",
 na = c("", "NA"),
  locale = default_locale(),
  trim_ws = TRUE
```

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```
col_datetime(format = "")
col_date(format = "")
col_time(format = "")
```

#### **Arguments**

na

x A character vector of dates to parse.

format A format specification, as described below. If set to "", date times are parsed

as ISO8601, dates and times used the date and time formats specified in the

locale().

Unlike strptime(), the format specification must match the complete string.

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

trim\_ws Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed

from each field before parsing it?

#### Value

A POSIXct() vector with tzone attribute set to tz. Elements that could not be parsed (or did not generate valid dates) will be set to NA, and a warning message will inform you of the total number of failures.

### Format specification

readr uses a format specification similar to strptime(). There are three types of element:

- 1. Date components are specified with "%" followed by a letter. For example "%Y" matches a 4 digit year, "%m", matches a 2 digit month and "%d" matches a 2 digit day. Month and day default to 1, (i.e. Jan 1st) if not present, for example if only a year is given.
- 2. Whitespace is any sequence of zero or more whitespace characters.
- 3. Any other character is matched exactly.

parse\_datetime() recognises the following format specifications:

- Year: "%Y" (4 digits). "%y" (2 digits); 00-69 -> 2000-2069, 70-99 -> 1970-1999.
- Month: "%m" (2 digits), "%b" (abbreviated name in current locale), "%B" (full name in current locale).
- Day: "%d" (2 digits), "%e" (optional leading space), "%a" (abbreviated name in current locale).
- Hour: "%H" or "%I" or "%h", use I (and not H) with AM/PM, use h (and not H) if your times represent durations longer than one day.

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- Minutes: "%M"
- Seconds: "%S" (integer seconds), "%OS" (partial seconds)
- Time zone: "%Z" (as name, e.g. "America/Chicago"), "%z" (as offset from UTC, e.g. "+0800")
- AM/PM indicator: "%p".
- Non-digits: "%." skips one non-digit character, "%+" skips one or more non-digit characters, "%\*" skips any number of non-digits characters.
- Automatic parsers: "%AD" parses with a flexible YMD parser, "%AT" parses with a flexible HMS parser.
- Time since the Unix epoch: "%s" decimal seconds since the Unix epoch.
- Shortcuts: "%D" = "%m/%d/%y", "%F" = "%Y-%m-%d", "%R" = "%H:%M", "%T" = "%H:%M:%S", "%x" = "%y/%m/%d".

## ISO8601 support

Currently, readr does not support all of ISO8601. Missing features:

- Week & weekday specifications, e.g. "2013-W05", "2013-W05-10".
- Ordinal dates, e.g. "2013-095".
- Using commas instead of a period for decimal separator.

The parser is also a little laxer than ISO8601:

- Dates and times can be separated with a space, not just T.
- Mostly correct specifications like "2009-05-19 14:" and "200912-01" work.

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), cols(), parse_factor(), parse_guess(), parse_logical(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

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```
# Use the locale parameter to control the default time zone
# (but note UTC is considerably faster than other options)
parse_datetime("2010/01/01 12:00", "%Y/%m/%d %H:%M",
 locale = locale(tz = "US/Central")
)
parse_datetime("2010/01/01 12:00", "%Y/%m/%d %H:%M",
 locale = locale(tz = "US/Eastern")
)
# Unlike strptime, the format specification must match the complete
# string (ignoring leading and trailing whitespace). This avoids common
# errors:
strptime("01/02/2010", "%d/%m/%y")
parse_datetime("01/02/2010", "%d/%m/%y")
# Failures -------
parse_datetime("01/01/2010", "%d/%m/%Y")
parse_datetime(c("01/ab/2010", "32/01/2010"), "%d/%m/%Y")
# By default, readr expects English date/times, but that's easy to change'
parse_datetime("1 janvier 2015", "%d %B %Y", locale = locale("fr"))
parse_datetime("1 enero 2015", "%d %B %Y", locale = locale("es"))
# ISO8601 ------
# With separators
parse_datetime("1979-10-14")
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T10")
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T10:11")
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T10:11:12")
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T10:11:12.12345")
# Without separators
parse_datetime("19791014")
parse_datetime("19791014T101112")
# Time zones
us_central <- locale(tz = "US/Central")</pre>
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T1010", locale = us_central)
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T1010-0500", locale = us_central)
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T1010Z", locale = us_central)
# Your current time zone
parse_datetime("1979-10-14T1010", locale = locale(tz = ""))
```

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## **Description**

parse\_factor() is similar to factor(), but generates a warning if levels have been specified and some elements of x are not found in those levels.

#### Usage

```
parse_factor(
    x,
    levels = NULL,
    ordered = FALSE,
    na = c("", "NA"),
    locale = default_locale(),
    include_na = TRUE,
    trim_ws = TRUE
)

col_factor(levels = NULL, ordered = FALSE, include_na = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

х	Character vector of values to parse.
levels	Character vector of the allowed levels. When levels = $NULL$ (the default), levels are discovered from the unique values of x, in the order in which they appear in x.
ordered	Is it an ordered factor?
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.
locale	The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.
include_na	If TRUE and $\boldsymbol{x}$ contains at least one NA, then NA is included in the levels of the constructed factor.
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), cols(), parse_datetime(), parse_guess(), parse_logical(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

```
# discover the levels from the data
parse_factor(c("a", "b"))
parse_factor(c("a", "b", "-99"))
parse_factor(c("a", "b", "-99"), na = c("", "NA", "-99"))
```

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```
parse_factor(c("a", "b", "-99"), na = c("", "NA", "-99"), include_na = FALSE)

# provide the levels explicitly
parse_factor(c("a", "b"), levels = letters[1:5])

x <- c("cat", "dog", "caw")
animals <- c("cat", "dog", "cow")

# base::factor() silently converts elements that do not match any levels to
# NA
factor(x, levels = animals)

# parse_factor() generates same factor as base::factor() but throws a warning
# and reports problems
parse_factor(x, levels = animals)</pre>
```

parse\_guess

Parse using the "best" type

# Description

parse\_guess() returns the parser vector; guess\_parser() returns the name of the parser. These functions use a number of heuristics to determine which type of vector is "best". Generally they try to err of the side of safety, as it's straightforward to override the parsing choice if needed.

#### Usage

```
parse_guess(
    x,
    na = c("", "NA"),
    locale = default_locale(),
    trim_ws = TRUE,
    guess_integer = FALSE
)

col_guess()

guess_parser(
    x,
    locale = default_locale(),
    guess_integer = FALSE,
    na = c("", "NA")
)
```

# **Arguments**

x Character vector of values to parse.

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na Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to

character() to indicate no missing values.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

trim\_ws Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed

from each field before parsing it?

guess\_integer If TRUE, guess integer types for whole numbers, if FALSE guess numeric type for

all numbers.

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), cols(), parse_datetime(), parse_factor(), parse_logical(), parse_number(), parse_vector()
```

#### **Examples**

```
# Logical vectors
parse_guess(c("FALSE", "TRUE", "F", "T"))

# Integers and doubles
parse_guess(c("1", "2", "3"))
parse_guess(c("1.6", "2.6", "3.4"))

# Numbers containing grouping mark
guess_parser("1,234,566")

parse_guess("1,234,566")

# ISO 8601 date times
guess_parser(c("2010-10-10"))
parse_guess(c("2010-10-10"))
```

parse\_number

Parse numbers, flexibly

# Description

This parses the first number it finds, dropping any non-numeric characters before the first number and all characters after the first number. The grouping mark specified by the locale is ignored inside the number.

```
parse_number(x, na = c("", "NA"), locale = default_locale(), trim_ws = TRUE)
col_number()
```

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#### **Arguments**

x	Character vector of values to parse.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.
locale	The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

#### Value

A numeric vector (double) of parsed numbers.

#### See Also

```
Other parsers: col_skip(), cols_condense(), cols(), parse_datetime(), parse_factor(), parse_guess(), parse_logical(), parse_vector()
```

#### **Examples**

```
## These all return 1000
parse_number("$1,000") ## leading `$` and grouping character `,` ignored
parse_number("euro1,000") ## leading non-numeric euro ignored
parse_number("11000t1000") ## only parses first number found

parse_number("1,234.56")
## explicit locale specifying European grouping and decimal marks
parse_number("1.234.56", locale = locale(decimal_mark = ",", grouping_mark = "."))
## SI/ISO 31-0 standard spaces for number grouping
parse_number("1 234.56", locale = locale(decimal_mark = ".", grouping_mark = " "))

## Specifying strings for NAs
parse_number(c("1", "2", "3", "NA"))
parse_number(c("1", "2", "3", "NA"))
parse_number(c("1", "2", "3", "NA", "Nothing"), na = c("NA", "Nothing"))
```

problems

Retrieve parsing problems

# **Description**

Readr functions will only throw an error if parsing fails in an unrecoverable way. However, there are lots of potential problems that you might want to know about - these are stored in the problems attribute of the output, which you can easily access with this function. stop\_for\_problems() will throw an error if there are any parsing problems: this is useful for automated scripts where you want to throw an error as soon as you encounter a problem.

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#### Usage

```
problems(x = .Last.value)
stop_for_problems(x)
```

# Arguments

v

An data frame (from read\_\*()) or a vector (from parse\_\*()).

## Value

A data frame with one row for each problem and four columns:

row, col Row and column of problem expected What readr expected to find actual What it actually got

### **Examples**

```
x <- parse_integer(c("1X", "blah", "3"))
problems(x)

y <- parse_integer(c("1", "2", "3"))
problems(y)</pre>
```

readr\_example

Get path to readr example

# Description

readr comes bundled with a number of sample files in its inst/extdata directory. This function make them easy to access

# Usage

```
readr_example(file = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

file

Name of file. If NULL, the example files will be listed.

```
readr_example()
readr_example("challenge.csv")
```

read\_builtin

readr\_threads

Determine how many threads readr should use when processing

# Description

The number of threads returned can be set by

- The global option readr.num\_threads
- The environment variable VROOM\_THREADS
- The value of parallel::detectCores()

## Usage

```
readr_threads()
```

read\_builtin

Read built-in object from package

# **Description**

Consistent wrapper around data() that forces the promise. This is also a stronger parallel to loading data from a file.

# Usage

```
read_builtin(x, package = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

Χ

Name (character string) of data set to read.

package

Name of package from which to find data set. By default, all attached packages are searched and then the 'data' subdirectory (if present) of the current working

directory.

#### Value

An object of the built-in class of x.

```
read_builtin("mtcars", "datasets")
```

read\_delim

Read a delimited file (including CSV and TSV) into a tibble

#### **Description**

read\_csv() and read\_tsv() are special cases of the more general read\_delim(). They're useful for reading the most common types of flat file data, comma separated values and tab separated values, respectively. read\_csv2() uses; for the field separator and, for the decimal point. This format is common in some European countries.

```
read_delim(
  file,
  delim = NULL,
  quote = "\"",
  escape_backslash = FALSE,
  escape_double = TRUE,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = FALSE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  guess_max = min(1000, n_max),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
read_csv(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_{types} = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
```

```
quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  guess_max = min(1000, n_max),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
read_csv2(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  guess_max = min(1000, n_max),
  progress = show_progress(),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
read_tsv(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
```

```
trim_ws = TRUE,
    skip = 0,
    n_max = Inf,
    guess_max = min(1000, n_max),
    progress = show_progress(),
    name_repair = "unique",
    num_threads = readr_threads(),
    show_col_types = should_show_types(),
    skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
    lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
```

# **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

delim

Single character used to separate fields within a record.

quote

Single character used to quote strings.

escape\_backslash

Does the file use backslashes to escape special characters? This is more general than escape\_double as backslashes can be used to escape the delimiter character, the quote character, or to add special characters like \\n.

escape\_double

Does the file escape quotes by doubling them? i.e. If this option is TRUE, the value """ represents a single quote, \".

col\_names

Either TRUE, FALSE or a character vector of column names.

If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names, and will not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated automatically: X1, X2, X3 etc.

If col\_names is a character vector, the values will be used as the names of the columns, and the first row of the input will be read into the first row of the output data frame.

Missing (NA) column names will generate a warning, and be filled in with dummy names ...1, ...2 etc. Duplicate column names will generate a warning and be made unique, see name\_repair to control how this is done.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be inferred from guess\_max rows of the input, interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If

> the guessed types are wrong, you'll need to increase guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

> Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

> Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

col\_select

Columns to include in the results. You can use the same mini-language as dplyr::select() to refer to the columns by name. Use c() to use more than one selection expression. Although this usage is less common, col\_select also accepts a numeric column index. See ?tidyselect::language for full details on the selection language.

id

The name of a column in which to store the file path. This is useful when reading multiple input files and there is data in the file paths, such as the data collection date. If NULL (the default) no extra column is created.

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

na

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.

quoted\_na

[Deprecated] Should missing values inside quotes be treated as missing values (the default) or strings. This parameter is soft deprecated as of readr 2.0.0.

comment

A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will be silently ignored.

trim\_ws

Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

skip

Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any commented lines are ignored after skipping.

Maximum number of lines to read. n\_max

Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types. Will never use guess\_max

more than the number of lines read. See vignette("column-types", package

= "readr") for more details.

Handling of column names. The default behaviour is to ensure column names name\_repair are "unique". Various repair strategies are supported:

• "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence of names.

- "unique" (default value): Make sure names are unique and not empty.
- "check\_unique": no name repair, but check they are unique.
- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic.
- A function: apply custom name repair (e.g., name\_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as\_function().

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec\_as\_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

num\_threads The number of processing threads to use for initial parsing and lazy reading of

data. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser should automatically detect this and fall back to using one thread only. However if you know your file has newlines within quoted fields it is safest to set num\_threads = 1 explicitly.

Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

show\_col\_types If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the

column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented

by NA values in all the columns.

Read values lazily? By default, this is FALSE, because there are special considerations when reading a file lazily that have tripped up some users. Specifically, things get tricky when reading and then writing back into the same file. But, in general, lazy reading (lazy = TRUE) has many benefits, especially for interactive use and when your downstream work only involves a subset of the rows or columns.

Learn more in should\_read\_lazy() and in the documentation for the altrep argument of vroom::vroom().

#### Value

A tibble(). If there are parsing problems, a warning will alert you. You can retrieve the full details by calling problems() on your dataset.

progress

lazy

```
# Input sources -------
# Read from a path
read_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv"))
read_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv.zip"))
read_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv.bz2"))
## Not run:
# Including remote paths
read_csv("https://github.com/tidyverse/readr/raw/main/inst/extdata/mtcars.csv")
## End(Not run)
# Read from multiple file paths at once
continents <- c("africa", "americas", "asia", "europe", "oceania")</pre>
filepaths <- vapply(
 paste0("mini-gapminder-", continents, ".csv"),
 FUN = readr_example,
 FUN.VALUE = character(1)
read_csv(filepaths, id = "file")
# Or directly from a string with `I()`
read_csv(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4"))
# Column selection-----
# Pass column names or indexes directly to select them
read_csv(readr_example("chickens.csv"), col_select = c(chicken, eggs_laid))
read_csv(readr_example("chickens.csv"), col_select = c(1, 3:4))
# Or use the selection helpers
read_csv(
 readr_example("chickens.csv"),
 col_select = c(starts_with("c"), last_col())
# You can also rename specific columns
read_csv(
 readr_example("chickens.csv"),
 col_select = c(egg_yield = eggs_laid, everything())
)
# Column types ------
# By default, readr guesses the columns types, looking at `guess_max` rows.
# You can override with a compact specification:
read_csv(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4"), col_types = "dc")
# Or with a list of column types:
read_csv(I("x,y\n1,2\n3,4"), col_types = list(col_double(), col_character()))
# If there are parsing problems, you get a warning, and can extract
# more details with problems()
y <- read_csv(I("x\n1\n2\nb"), col_types = list(col_double()))</pre>
```

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read\_file

Read/write a complete file

## Description

read\_file() reads a complete file into a single object: either a character vector of length one, or a raw vector. write\_file() takes a single string, or a raw vector, and writes it exactly as is. Raw vectors are useful when dealing with binary data, or if you have text data with unknown encoding.

#### **Usage**

```
read_file(file, locale = default_locale())
read_file_raw(file)
write_file(x, file, append = FALSE, path = deprecated())
```

## **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

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Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

locale The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is

US-centric (like R), but you can use locale() to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark,

and day/month names.

A single string, or a raw vector to write to disk.

append If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In

both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.

path [Deprecated] Use the file argument instead.

#### Value

read\_file: A length 1 character vector. read\_lines\_raw: A raw vector.

#### **Examples**

```
read_file(file.path(R.home("doc"), "AUTHORS"))
read_file_raw(file.path(R.home("doc"), "AUTHORS"))

tmp <- tempfile()

x <- format_csv(mtcars[1:6, ])
write_file(x, tmp)
identical(x, read_file(tmp))

read_lines(I(x))</pre>
```

read\_fwf

Read a fixed width file into a tibble

## Description

A fixed width file can be a very compact representation of numeric data. It's also very fast to parse, because every field is in the same place in every line. Unfortunately, it's painful to parse because you need to describe the length of every field. Readr aims to make it as easy as possible by providing a number of different ways to describe the field structure.

- fwf\_empty() Guesses based on the positions of empty columns.
- fwf\_widths() Supply the widths of the columns.
- fwf\_positions() Supply paired vectors of start and end positions.
- fwf\_cols() Supply named arguments of paired start and end positions or column widths.

read\_fwf

#### Usage

```
read_fwf(
  file,
  col_positions = fwf_empty(file, skip, n = guess_max),
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = Inf,
  guess_max = min(n_max, 1000),
  progress = show_progress(),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  lazy = should_read_lazy(),
  skip\_empty\_rows = TRUE
)
fwf_empty(
  file,
  skip = 0,
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE,
  col_names = NULL,
  comment = "",
  n = 100L
fwf_widths(widths, col_names = NULL)
fwf_positions(start, end = NULL, col_names = NULL)
fwf_cols(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

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Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

col\_positions

Column positions, as created by fwf\_empty(), fwf\_widths() or fwf\_positions(). To read in only selected fields, use fwf\_positions(). If the width of the last column is variable (a ragged fwf file), supply the last end position as NA.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be inferred from guess\_max rows of the input, interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the guessed types are wrong, you'll need to increase guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

col\_select

Columns to include in the results. You can use the same mini-language as dplyr::select() to refer to the columns by name. Use c() to use more than one selection expression. Although this usage is less common, col\_select also accepts a numeric column index. See ?tidyselect::language for full details on the selection language.

id

The name of a column in which to store the file path. This is useful when reading multiple input files and there is data in the file paths, such as the data collection date. If NULL (the default) no extra column is created.

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

na

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.

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comment A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will

be silently ignored.

Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed trim\_ws

from each field before parsing it?

Number of lines to skip before reading data. skip

n\_max Maximum number of lines to read.

Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types. Will never use guess\_max

more than the number of lines read. See vignette("column-types", package

= "readr") for more details.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

Handling of column names. The default behaviour is to ensure column names are "unique". Various repair strategies are supported:

• "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence of names.

- "unique" (default value): Make sure names are unique and not empty.
- "check\_unique": no name repair, but check they are unique.
- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic.
- A function: apply custom name repair (e.g., name\_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as\_function().

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec\_as\_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

The number of processing threads to use for initial parsing and lazy reading of

data. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser should automatically detect this and fall back to using one thread only. However if you know your file

has newlines within quoted fields it is safest to set num\_threads = 1 explicitly.

show\_col\_types If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the

column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument. Read values lazily? By default, this is FALSE, because there are special consid-

erations when reading a file lazily that have tripped up some users. Specifically, things get tricky when reading and then writing back into the same file. But, in general, lazy reading (lazy = TRUE) has many benefits, especially for interactive use and when your downstream work only involves a subset of the rows or

Learn more in should\_read\_lazy() and in the documentation for the altrep argument of vroom::vroom().

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

Either NULL, or a character vector column names.

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num\_threads

lazy

col\_names

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n	Number of lines the tokenizer will read to determine file structure. By default it is set to 100.
widths	Width of each field. Use NA as width of last field when reading a ragged fwf file.
start, end	Starting and ending (inclusive) positions of each field. Use NA as last end field when reading a ragged fwf file.
	If the first element is a data frame, then it must have all numeric columns and either one or two rows. The column names are the variable names. The column values are the variable widths if a length one vector, and if length two, variable start and end positions. The elements of are used to construct a data frame with or or two rows as above.

## Second edition changes

Comments are no longer looked for anywhere in the file. They are now only ignored at the start of a line.

#### See Also

read\_table() to read fixed width files where each column is separated by whitespace.

## **Examples**

```
fwf_sample <- readr_example("fwf-sample.txt")
writeLines(read_lines(fwf_sample))

# You can specify column positions in several ways:
# 1. Guess based on position of empty columns
read_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_empty(fwf_sample, col_names = c("first", "last", "state", "ssn")))
# 2. A vector of field widths
read_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_widths(c(20, 10, 12), c("name", "state", "ssn")))
# 3. Paired vectors of start and end positions
read_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_positions(c(1, 30), c(20, 42), c("name", "ssn")))
# 4. Named arguments with start and end positions
read_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = c(1, 20), ssn = c(30, 42)))
# 5. Named arguments with column widths
read_fwf(fwf_sample, fwf_cols(name = 20, state = 10, ssn = 12))</pre>
```

read\_lines

Read/write lines to/from a file

#### **Description**

read\_lines() reads up to n\_max lines from a file. New lines are not included in the output. read\_lines\_raw() produces a list of raw vectors, and is useful for handling data with unknown encoding. write\_lines() takes a character vector or list of raw vectors, appending a new line after each entry.

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#### Usage

```
read_lines(
  file,
  skip = 0,
  skip_empty_rows = FALSE,
  n_max = Inf,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = character(),
  lazy = should_read_lazy(),
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress()
)
read_lines_raw(
  file,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = -1L,
 num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress()
)
write_lines(
  Х,
 file,
  sep = "\n",
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
 num_threads = readr_threads(),
 path = deprecated()
)
```

# Arguments

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

skip

Number of lines to skip before reading data.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

read\_lines

n_max	Number of lines to read. If n_max is -1, all lines in file will be read.
locale	The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.
lazy	Read values lazily? By default, this is FALSE, because there are special considerations when reading a file lazily that have tripped up some users. Specifically, things get tricky when reading and then writing back into the same file. But, in general, lazy reading (lazy = TRUE) has many benefits, especially for interactive use and when your downstream work only involves a subset of the rows or columns.  Learn more in should_read_lazy() and in the documentation for the altrep argument of vroom::vroom().
num_threads	The number of processing threads to use for initial parsing and lazy reading of data. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser should automatically detect this and fall back to using one thread only. However if you know your file has newlines within quoted fields it is safest to set num_threads = 1 explicitly.
progress	Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show_progress to FALSE.
X	A character vector or list of raw vectors to write to disk.
sep	The line separator. Defaults to \\n, commonly used on POSIX systems like macOS and linux. For native windows (CRLF) separators use \\r\\n.
append	If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.

## Value

path

read\_lines(): A character vector with one element for each line. read\_lines\_raw(): A list
containing a raw vector for each line.
write\_lines() returns x, invisibly.

[Deprecated] Use the file argument instead.

# Examples

```
read_lines(file.path(R.home("doc"), "AUTHORS"), n_max = 10)
read_lines_raw(file.path(R.home("doc"), "AUTHORS"), n_max = 10)

tmp <- tempfile()

write_lines(rownames(mtcars), tmp)
read_lines(tmp, lazy = FALSE)
read_file(tmp) # note trailing \n

write_lines(airquality$Ozone, tmp, na = "-1")
read_lines(tmp)</pre>
```

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read\_log

Read common/combined log file into a tibble

#### **Description**

This is a fairly standard format for log files - it uses both quotes and square brackets for quoting, and there may be literal quotes embedded in a quoted string. The dash, "-", is used for missing values.

## Usage

```
read_log(
   file,
   col_names = FALSE,
   col_types = NULL,
   trim_ws = TRUE,
   skip = 0,
   n_max = Inf,
   show_col_types = should_show_types(),
   progress = show_progress()
)
```

## Arguments

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

col\_names

Either TRUE, FALSE or a character vector of column names.

If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names, and will not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated automatically: X1, X2, X3 etc.

If col\_names is a character vector, the values will be used as the names of the columns, and the first row of the input will be read into the first row of the output data frame.

Missing (NA) column names will generate a warning, and be filled in with dummy names ...1, ...2 etc. Duplicate column names will generate a warning and be made unique, see name\_repair to control how this is done.

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col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be inferred from guess\_max rows of the input, interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the guessed types are wrong, you'll need to increase guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

trim\_ws

Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

skip

Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any commented lines are ignored after skipping.

n\_max

Maximum number of lines to read.

show\_col\_types If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument.

progress

Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

#### **Examples**

read\_log(readr\_example("example.log"))

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read_rds	Read/write RDS files.	

# Description

Consistent wrapper around saveRDS() and readRDS(). write\_rds() does not compress by default as space is generally cheaper than time.

# Usage

```
read_rds(file, refhook = NULL)
write_rds(
    x,
    file,
    compress = c("none", "gz", "bz2", "xz"),
    version = 2,
    refhook = NULL,
    text = FALSE,
    path = deprecated(),
    ...
)
```

# Arguments

file	The file path to read from/write to.
refhook	A function to handle reference objects.
x	R object to write to serialise.
compress	Compression method to use: "none", "gz", "bz", or "xz".
version	Serialization format version to be used. The default value is 2 as it's compatible for R versions prior to 3.5.0. See base::saveRDS() for more details.
text	If TRUE a text representation is used, otherwise a binary representation is used.
path	[Deprecated] Use the file argument instead.
•••	Additional arguments to connection function. For example, control the space-time trade-off of different compression methods with compression. See connections() for more details.

## Value

```
write\_rds() returns x, invisibly.
```

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#### **Examples**

```
temp <- tempfile()
write_rds(mtcars, temp)
read_rds(temp)
## Not run:
write_rds(mtcars, "compressed_mtc.rds", "xz", compression = 9L)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

read\_table

Read whitespace-separated columns into a tibble

## **Description**

read\_table() is designed to read the type of textual data where each column is separated by one (or more) columns of space.

read\_table() is like read.table(), it allows any number of whitespace characters between columns, and the lines can be of different lengths.

spec\_table() returns the column specifications rather than a data frame.

#### Usage

```
read_table(
    file,
    col_names = TRUE,
    col_types = NULL,
    locale = default_locale(),
    na = "NA",
    skip = 0,
    n_max = Inf,
    guess_max = min(n_max, 1000),
    progress = show_progress(),
    comment = "",
    show_col_types = should_show_types(),
    skip_empty_rows = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

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Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

col\_names

Either TRUE, FALSE or a character vector of column names.

If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names, and will not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated automatically: X1, X2, X3 etc.

If col\_names is a character vector, the values will be used as the names of the columns, and the first row of the input will be read into the first row of the output data frame.

Missing (NA) column names will generate a warning, and be filled in with dummy names ...1, ...2 etc. Duplicate column names will generate a warning and be made unique, see name\_repair to control how this is done.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be inferred from guess\_max rows of the input, interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the guessed types are wrong, you'll need to increase guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

na

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.

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skip Number of lines to skip before reading data.

n\_max Maximum number of lines to read.

guess\_max Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types. Will never use

more than the number of lines read. See vignette ("column-types", package

= "readr") for more details.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled

by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

comment A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will

be silently ignored.

show\_col\_types If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the

column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument.

skip\_empty\_rows

Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented

by NA values in all the columns.

#### See Also

read\_fwf() to read fixed width files where each column is not separated by whitespace. read\_fwf() is also useful for reading tabular data with non-standard formatting.

## **Examples**

```
ws <- readr_example("whitespace-sample.txt")
writeLines(read_lines(ws))
read_table(ws)</pre>
```

should\_read\_lazy

Determine whether to read a file lazily

#### **Description**

This function consults the option readr.read\_lazy to figure out whether to do lazy reading or not. If the option is unset, the default is FALSE, meaning readr will read files eagerly, not lazily. If you want to use this option to express a preference for lazy reading, do this:

```
options(readr.read_lazy = TRUE)
```

Typically, one would use the option to control lazy reading at the session, file, or user level. The lazy argument of functions like read\_csv() can be used to control laziness in an individual call.

```
should_read_lazy()
```

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The blog post "Eager vs lazy reading in readr 2.1.0" explains the benefits (and downsides) of lazy reading.

should\_show\_types

Determine whether column types should be shown

# Description

Wrapper around getOption("readr.show\_col\_types") that implements some fall back logic if the option is unset. This returns:

- TRUE if the option is set to TRUE
- FALSE if the option is set to FALSE
- FALSE if the option is unset and we appear to be running tests
- NULL otherwise, in which case the caller determines whether to show column types based on context, e.g. whether show\_col\_types or actual col\_types were explicitly specified

#### Usage

```
should_show_types()
```

show\_progress

Determine whether progress bars should be shown

#### **Description**

By default, readr shows progress bars. However, progress reporting is suppressed if any of the following conditions hold:

- The bar is explicitly disabled by setting options(readr.show\_progress = FALSE).
- The code is run in a non-interactive session, as determined by rlang::is\_interactive().
- The code is run in an RStudio notebook chunk, as determined by getOption("rstudio.notebook.executing").

```
show_progress()
```

spec\_delim

Generate a column specification

#### **Description**

When printed, only the first 20 columns are printed by default. To override, set options(readr.num\_columns) can be used to modify this (a value of 0 turns off printing).

```
spec_delim(
  file,
  delim = NULL,
 quote = "\"",
  escape_backslash = FALSE,
  escape_double = TRUE,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = list(),
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = FALSE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = 0,
  guess_max = 1000,
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
spec_csv(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = list(),
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
```

```
trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = 0,
  guess_max = 1000,
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
 progress = show_progress(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
 lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
spec_csv2(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = list(),
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
 na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
  n_max = 0,
  guess_max = 1000,
  progress = show_progress(),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
spec_tsv(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = list(),
  col_select = NULL,
  id = NULL,
  locale = default_locale(),
 na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  quote = "\"",
  comment = "",
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  skip = 0,
```

```
n_max = 0,
  guess_max = 1000,
 progress = show_progress(),
  name_repair = "unique",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
  lazy = should_read_lazy()
)
spec_table(
  file,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = list(),
  locale = default_locale(),
  na = "NA",
  skip = 0,
  n_max = 0,
  guess_max = 1000,
  progress = show_progress(),
  comment = "",
  show_col_types = should_show_types(),
  skip\_empty\_rows = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

file

Either a path to a file, a connection, or literal data (either a single string or a raw vector).

Files ending in .gz, .bz2, .xz, or .zip will be automatically uncompressed. Files starting with http://, https://, ftp://, or ftps:// will be automatically downloaded. Remote gz files can also be automatically downloaded and decompressed.

Literal data is most useful for examples and tests. To be recognised as literal data, the input must be either wrapped with I(), be a string containing at least one new line, or be a vector containing at least one string with a new line.

Using a value of clipboard() will read from the system clipboard.

delim

Single character used to separate fields within a record.

quote

Single character used to quote strings.

escape\_backslash

Does the file use backslashes to escape special characters? This is more general than escape\_double as backslashes can be used to escape the delimiter character, the quote character, or to add special characters like \\n.

escape\_double

Does the file escape quotes by doubling them? i.e. If this option is TRUE, the value """ represents a single quote, \".

col\_names

Either TRUE, FALSE or a character vector of column names.

If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names, and will not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated automatically: X1, X2, X3 etc.

If col\_names is a character vector, the values will be used as the names of the columns, and the first row of the input will be read into the first row of the output data frame.

Missing (NA) column names will generate a warning, and be filled in with dummy names ...1, ...2 etc. Duplicate column names will generate a warning and be made unique, see name\_repair to control how this is done.

col\_types

One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.

If NULL, all column types will be inferred from guess\_max rows of the input, interspersed throughout the file. This is convenient (and fast), but not robust. If the guessed types are wrong, you'll need to increase guess\_max or supply the correct types yourself.

Column specifications created by list() or cols() must contain one column specification for each column. If you only want to read a subset of the columns, use cols\_only().

Alternatively, you can use a compact string representation where each character represents one column:

- c = character
- i = integer
- n = number
- d = double
- 1 = logical
- f = factor
- D = date
- T = date time
- t = time
- ? = guess
- \_ or = skip

By default, reading a file without a column specification will print a message showing what readr guessed they were. To remove this message, set show\_col\_types = FALSE or set 'options(readr.show\_col\_types = FALSE).

col\_select

Columns to include in the results. You can use the same mini-language as dplyr::select() to refer to the columns by name. Use c() to use more than one selection expression. Although this usage is less common, col\_select also accepts a numeric column index. See ?tidyselect::language for full details on the selection language.

id

The name of a column in which to store the file path. This is useful when reading multiple input files and there is data in the file paths, such as the data collection date. If NULL (the default) no extra column is created.

locale

The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.

Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to na character() to indicate no missing values. quoted\_na [Deprecated] Should missing values inside quotes be treated as missing values

> (the default) or strings. This parameter is soft deprecated as of readr 2.0.0. A string used to identify comments. Any text after the comment characters will be silently ignored.

> Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?

Number of lines to skip before reading data. If comment is supplied any commented lines are ignored *after* skipping.

Maximum number of lines to read. n\_max

> Maximum number of lines to use for guessing column types. Will never use more than the number of lines read. See vignette("column-types", package = "readr") for more details.

Handling of column names. The default behaviour is to ensure column names are "unique". Various repair strategies are supported:

- "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence of names.
- "unique" (default value): Make sure names are unique and not empty.
- "check\_unique": no name repair, but check they are unique.
- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic.
- A function: apply custom name repair (e.g., name\_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as\_function().

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec\_as\_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

The number of processing threads to use for initial parsing and lazy reading of data. If your data contains newlines within fields the parser should automatically detect this and fall back to using one thread only. However if you know your file

Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session and not while knitting a document. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr. show\_progress to FALSE.

has newlines within quoted fields it is safest to set num\_threads = 1 explicitly.

show\_col\_types If FALSE, do not show the guessed column types. If TRUE always show the column types, even if they are supplied. If NULL (the default) only show the column types if they are not explicitly supplied by the col\_types argument.

> Should blank rows be ignored altogether? i.e. If this option is TRUE then blank rows will not be represented at all. If it is FALSE then they will be represented by NA values in all the columns.

> Read values lazily? By default, this is FALSE, because there are special considerations when reading a file lazily that have tripped up some users. Specifically, things get tricky when reading and then writing back into the same file. But,

skip

comment

trim\_ws

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num\_threads

progress

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in general, lazy reading (1azy = TRUE) has many benefits, especially for interactive use and when your downstream work only involves a subset of the rows or columns.

Learn more in should\_read\_lazy() and in the documentation for the altrep argument of vroom::vroom().

#### Value

The col\_spec generated for the file.

## **Examples**

type\_convert

Re-convert character columns in existing data frame

#### **Description**

This is useful if you need to do some manual munging - you can read the columns in as character, clean it up with (e.g.) regular expressions and then let readr take another stab at parsing it. The name is a homage to the base utils::type.convert().

```
type_convert(
  df,
  col_types = NULL,
  na = c("", "NA"),
  trim_ws = TRUE,
  locale = default_locale(),
  guess_integer = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

df	A data frame.
col_types	One of NULL, a cols() specification, or a string. See vignette("readr") for more details.  If NULL, column types will be imputed using all rows.
	in woll, column types will be imputed using an rows.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values. Set this option to character() to indicate no missing values.
trim_ws	Should leading and trailing whitespace (ASCII spaces and tabs) be trimmed from each field before parsing it?
locale	The locale controls defaults that vary from place to place. The default locale is US-centric (like R), but you can use <code>locale()</code> to create your own locale that controls things like the default time zone, encoding, decimal mark, big mark, and day/month names.
guess_integer	If TRUE, guess integer types for whole numbers, if FALSE guess numeric type for all numbers.

#### Note

type\_convert() removes a 'spec' attribute, because it likely modifies the column data types. (see spec() for more information about column specifications).

# **Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(
    x = as.character(runif(10)),
    y = as.character(sample(10)),
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
str(df)
str(type_convert(df))

df <- data.frame(x = c("NA", "10"), stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
str(type_convert(df))

# Type convert can be used to infer types from an entire dataset

# first read the data as character
data <- read_csv(readr_example("mtcars.csv"),
    col_types = list(.default = col_character())
)
str(data)
# Then convert it with type_convert
type_convert(data)</pre>
```

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with\_edition

Temporarily change the active readr edition

#### **Description**

with\_edition() allows you to change the active edition of readr for a given block of code. local\_edition() allows you to change the active edition of readr until the end of the current function or file.

## Usage

```
with_edition(edition, code)
local_edition(edition, env = parent.frame())
```

#### **Arguments**

edition Should be a single integer, such as 1 or 2. code Code to run with the changed edition.

env Environment that controls scope of changes. For expert use only.

## **Examples**

```
with_edition(1, edition_get())
with_edition(2, edition_get())
# readr 1e and 2e behave differently when input rows have different number
# number of fields
with_edition(1, read_csv("1,2\n3,4,5", col_names = c("X", "Y", "Z")))
with_edition(2, read_csv("1,2\n3,4,5", col_names = c("X", "Y", "Z")))
# local_edition() applies in a specific scope, for example, inside a function
read_csv_1e <- function(...) {</pre>
  local_edition(1)
  \mathsf{read\_csv}(\dots)
}
read_csv("1,2\n3,4,5", col_names = c("X", "Y", "Z"))
                                                            # 2e behaviour
read_csv_1e("1,2\n3,4,5", col_names = c("X", "Y", "Z"))
                                                            # 1e behaviour
read_csv("1,2\n3,4,5", col_names = c("X", "Y", "Z"))
                                                            # 2e behaviour
```

write\_delim

Write a data frame to a delimited file

#### **Description**

The write\_\*() family of functions are an improvement to analogous function such as write.csv() because they are approximately twice as fast. Unlike write.csv(), these functions do not include row names as a column in the written file. A generic function, output\_column(), is applied to each variable to coerce columns to suitable output.

```
write_delim(
  Χ,
  file,
  delim = " ",
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
write_csv(
  Х,
  file,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
write_csv2(
  Х,
  file,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  quote = c("needed", "all", "none"),
escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
write_excel_csv(
```

```
Х,
  file,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  delim = ",",
  quote = "all",
  escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
write_excel_csv2(
  х,
  file,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  delim = ";",
  quote = "all",
  escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
write_tsv(
  Х,
  file,
  na = "NA",
  append = FALSE,
  col_names = !append,
  quote = "none",
  escape = c("double", "backslash", "none"),
  eol = "\n",
  num_threads = readr_threads(),
  progress = show_progress(),
  path = deprecated(),
  quote_escape = deprecated()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

A data frame or tibble to write to disk.

file File or connection to write to.

delim Delimiter used to separate values. Defaults to " " for write\_delim(), ", " for

write\_excel\_csv() and ";" for write\_excel\_csv2(). Must be a single char-

acter.

na String used for missing values. Defaults to NA. Missing values will never be

quoted; strings with the same value as na will always be quoted.

append If FALSE, will overwrite existing file. If TRUE, will append to existing file. In

both cases, if the file does not exist a new file is created.

col\_names If FALSE, column names will not be included at the top of the file. If TRUE, col-

umn names will be included. If not specified, col\_names will take the opposite

value given to append.

quote How to handle fields which contain characters that need to be quoted.

• needed - Values are only quoted if needed: if they contain a delimiter,

quote, or newline.

• all - Quote all fields.

• none - Never quote fields.

escape The type of escape to use when quotes are in the data.

• double - quotes are escaped by doubling them.

• backslash - quotes are escaped by a preceding backslash.

• none - quotes are not escaped.

eol The end of line character to use. Most commonly either "\n" for Unix style

newlines, or "\r\n" for Windows style newlines.

num\_threads Number of threads to use when reading and materializing vectors. If your data

contains newlines within fields the parser will automatically be forced to use a

single thread only.

progress Display a progress bar? By default it will only display in an interactive session

and not while knitting a document. The display is updated every 50,000 values and will only display if estimated reading time is 5 seconds or more. The automatic progress bar can be disabled by setting option readr.show\_progress to

FALSE.

path [Deprecated] Use the file argument instead.

quote\_escape [Deprecated] Use the escape argument instead.

#### Value

write\_\*() returns the input x invisibly.

#### Output

Factors are coerced to character. Doubles are formatted to a decimal string using the grisu3 algorithm. POSIXct values are formatted as ISO8601 with a UTC timezone *Note*: POSIXct *objects in local or non-UTC timezones will be converted to UTC time before writing*.

All columns are encoded as UTF-8. write\_excel\_csv() and write\_excel\_csv2() also include a UTF-8 Byte order mark which indicates to Excel the csv is UTF-8 encoded.

write\_excel\_csv2() and write\_csv2 were created to allow users with different locale settings to save .csv files using their default settings (e.g. ; as the column separator and , as the decimal separator). This is common in some European countries.

Values are only quoted if they contain a comma, quote or newline.

The write\_\*() functions will automatically compress outputs if an appropriate extension is given. Three extensions are currently supported: .gz for gzip compression, .bz2 for bzip2 compression and .xz for lzma compression. See the examples for more information.

#### References

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#### **Examples**

```
# If only a file name is specified, write_()* will write
# the file to the current working directory.
write_csv(mtcars, "mtcars.csv")
write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv")

# If you add an extension to the file name, write_()* will
# automatically compress the output.
write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.gz")
write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.bz2")
write_tsv(mtcars, "mtcars.tsv.xz")
```

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