

# Package ‘OuhscMunge’

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**Title** Data Manipulation Operations

**Description** Data manipulation operations frequently used in OUHSC BBMC projects.

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**LazyData** TRUE

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**Imports** devtools (>= 1.8.0)

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replace_nas_with_explicit
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*Create explicit factor level for missing values.*

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## Description

Missing values are converted to a factor level. This explicit assignment can reduce the chances that missing values are inadvertently ignored. It also allows the presence of a missing to become a predictor in models.

## Usage

```
replace_nas_with_explicit(scores, new_na_label = "Unknown",
  create_factor = FALSE, add_unknown_level = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>scores</code>	An array of values, ideally either factor or character. Required
<code>new_na_label</code>	The factor label assigned to the missing value. Defaults to Unknown.
<code>create_factor</code>	Converts scores into a factor, if it isn't one already. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>add_unknown_level</code>	Should a new factor level be created? (Specify TRUE if it already exists.) Defaults to FALSE.

## Value

An array of values, where the NA values are now a factor level, with the label specified by the `new_na_label` value.

## Note

The `create_factor` parameter is respected only if `scores` isn't already a factor. Otherwise, levels without any values would be lost. A stop error will be thrown if the operation fails to convert all the NA values.

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## Examples

```
library(OuhscMunge) #Load the package into the current R session.
missing_indices <- c(3, 6, 8, 25)
# With a character variable:
a <- letters
a[missing_indices] <- NA_character_
a <- OuhscMunge::replace_nas_with_explicit(a)

# With a factor variable:
b <- factor(letters, levels=letters)
b[missing_indices] <- NA_character_
b <- OuhscMunge::replace_nas_with_explicit(b, add_unknown_level=TRUE)
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