



String manipulation with stringr : : CHEAT SHEET

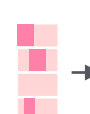



The **stringr** package provides a set of internally consistent tools for working with character strings, i.e. sequences of characters surrounded by quotation marks.


Detect Matches

 **str_detect**(string, **pattern**, negate = FALSE)
Detect the presence of a pattern match in a string. Also **str_like()**. `str_detect(fruit, "a")`


 **str_starts**(string, **pattern**, negate = FALSE)
Detect the presence of a pattern match at the beginning of a string. Also **str_ends()**. `str_starts(fruit, "a")`


 **str_which**(string, **pattern**, negate = FALSE)
Find the indexes of strings that contain a pattern match. `str_which(fruit, "a")`

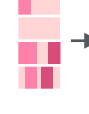
 **str_locate**(string, **pattern**) Locate the positions of pattern matches in a string. Also **str_locate_all()**. `str_locate(fruit, "a")`


 **str_count**(string, **pattern**) Count the number of matches in a string. `str_count(fruit, "a")`

Subset Strings


 **str_sub**(string, start = 1L, end = -1L) Extract substrings from a character vector. `str_sub(fruit, 1, 3); str_sub(fruit, -2)`


 **str_subset**(string, **pattern**, negate = FALSE)
Return only the strings that contain a pattern match. `str_subset(fruit, "p")`


 **str_extract**(string, **pattern**) Return the first pattern match found in each string, as a vector. Also **str_extract_all()** to return every pattern match. `str_extract(fruit, "[aeiou]")`


 **str_match**(string, **pattern**) Return the first pattern match found in each string, as a matrix with a column for each () group in pattern. Also **str_match_all()**. `str_match(sentences, "(a|the) ([^+])")`

Manage Lengths

 **str_length**(string) The width of strings (i.e. number of code points, which generally equals the number of characters). `str_length(fruit)`


 **str_pad**(string, width, side = c("left", "right", "both"), pad = " ") Pad strings to constant width. `str_pad(fruit, 17)`


 **str_trunc**(string, width, side = c("right", "left", "center"), ellipsis = "...") Truncate the width of strings, replacing content with ellipsis. `str_trunc(sentences, 6)`


 **str_trim**(string, side = c("both", "left", "right")) Trim whitespace from the start and/or end of a string. `str_trim(str_pad(fruit, 17))`


str_squish(string) Trim whitespace from each end and collapse multiple spaces into single spaces. `str_squish(str_pad(fruit, 17, "both"))`

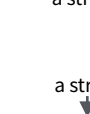
Mutate Strings

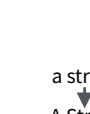
 **str_sub()** <- value. Replace substrings by identifying the substrings with **str_sub()** and assigning into the results. `str_sub(fruit, 1, 3) <- "str"`

 **str_replace**(string, **pattern**, replacement)
Replace the first matched pattern in each string. Also **str_remove()**. `str_replace(fruit, "p", "-")`


 **str_replace_all**(string, **pattern**, replacement)
Replace all matched patterns in each string. Also **str_remove_all()**. `str_replace_all(fruit, "p", "-")`


 **str_to_lower**(string, locale = "en")¹
Convert strings to lower case. `str_to_lower(sentences)`

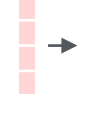
 **str_to_upper**(string, locale = "en")¹
Convert strings to upper case. `str_to_upper(sentences)`


 **str_to_title**(string, locale = "en")¹ Convert strings to title case. Also **str_to_sentence()**. `str_to_title(sentences)`

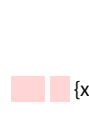
Join and Split


 **str_c**(..., sep = "", collapse = NULL) Join multiple strings into a single string. `str_c(letters, LETTERS)`

 **str_flatten**(string, collapse = "") Combines into a single string, separated by collapse. `str_flatten(fruit, ",")`


 **str_dup**(string, times) Repeat strings times times. Also **str_unique()** to remove duplicates. `str_dup(fruit, times = 2)`


 **str_split_fixed**(string, **pattern**, n) Split a vector of strings into a matrix of substrings (splitting at occurrences of a pattern match). Also **str_split()** to return a list of substrings and **str_split_n()** to return the nth substring. `str_split_fixed(sentences, " ", n=3)`

 **str_glue**(..., .sep = "", .envir = parent.frame()) Create a string from strings and {expressions} to evaluate. `str_glue("Pi is {pi}")`


 **str_glue_data**(.x, ..., .sep = "", .envir = parent.frame(), .na = "NA") Use a data frame, list, or environment to create a string from strings and {expressions} to evaluate. `str_glue_data(mtcars, "{rownames(mtcars)} has {hp} hp")`

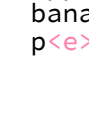
Order Strings


 **str_order**(x, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = TRUE, locale = "en", numeric = FALSE, ...) ¹
Return the vector of indexes that sorts a character vector. `fruit[str_order(fruit)]`


 **str_sort**(x, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = TRUE, locale = "en", numeric = FALSE, ...) ¹
Sort a character vector. `str_sort(fruit)`

Helpers

 **str_conv**(string, encoding) Override the encoding of a string. `str_conv(fruit, "ISO-8859-1")`

 **str_view_all**(string, **pattern**, match = NA)
View HTML rendering of all regex matches. Also **str_view()** to see only the first match. `str_view_all(sentences, "[aeiou]")`

 **str_equal**(x, y, locale = "en", ignore_case = FALSE, ...) ¹ Determine if two strings are equivalent. `str_equal(c("a", "b"), c("a", "c"))`

 **str_wrap**(string, width = 80, indent = 0, exdent = 0) Wrap strings into nicely formatted paragraphs. `str_wrap(sentences, 20)`

¹ See bit.ly/ISO639-1 for a complete list of locales.

Need to Know

Pattern arguments in stringr are interpreted as regular expressions *after any special characters have been parsed*.

In R, you write regular expressions as *strings*, sequences of characters surrounded by quotes ("" or single quotes(')).

Some characters cannot be represented directly in an R string. These must be represented as **special characters**, sequences of characters that have a specific meaning., e.g.

Special Character	Represents
\\	\
\"	"
\n	new line

Run `?""` to see a complete list

Because of this, whenever a \ appears in a regular expression, you must write it as \\ in the string that represents the regular expression.

Use `writeLines()` to see how R views your string after all special characters have been parsed.

```
writeLines("\\.")
# \
```

```
writeLines("\\ is a backslash")
# \ is a backslash
```

INTERPRETATION

Patterns in stringr are interpreted as regexs. To change this default, wrap the pattern in one of:

regex() (pattern, ignore_case = FALSE, multiline = FALSE, comments = FALSE, dotall = FALSE, ...) Modifies a regex to ignore cases, match end of lines as well of end of strings, allow R comments within regex's, and/or to have . match everything including \n.
`str_detect("i", regex("i", TRUE))`

fixed() Matches raw bytes but will miss some characters that can be represented in multiple ways (fast). `str_detect("\u0130", fixed("i"))`

coll() Matches raw bytes and will use locale specific collation rules to recognize characters that can be represented in multiple ways (slow). `str_detect("\u0130", coll("i", TRUE, locale = "tr"))`

boundary() Matches boundaries between characters, line_breaks, sentences, or words. `str_split(sentences, boundary("word"))`

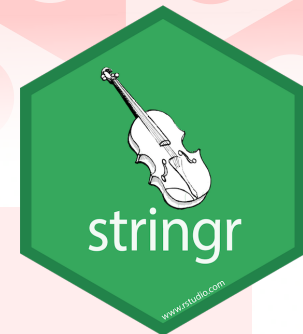
Regular Expressions - Regular expressions, or *regexps*, are a concise language for describing patterns in strings.

MATCH CHARACTERS

string (type this)	regex (to mean this)	matches (which matches this)	example
	a (etc.)	a (etc.)	<code>see("a")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\.	\\.	.	<code>see("\\.")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\!	\\!	!	<code>see("\\!")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\?	\\?	?	<code>see("\\?")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\	\\		<code>see("\\ ")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\(\\((<code>see("\\(")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\)	\\))	<code>see("\\)")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\{	\\{	{	<code>see("\\{")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\}	\\}	}	<code>see("\\}")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\n	\\n	new line (return)	<code>see("\\n")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\t	\\t	tab	<code>see("\\t")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\s	\\s	any whitespace (S for <i>non-whitespaces</i>)	<code>see("\\s")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\d	\\d	any digit (D for <i>non-digits</i>)	<code>see("\\d")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\w	\\w	any word character (W for <i>non-word chars</i>)	<code>see("\\w")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
\\b	\\b	word boundaries	<code>see("\\b")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[digit:] ¹	digits	<code>see("[digit:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[alpha:] ¹	letters	<code>see("[alpha:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[lower:] ¹	lowercase letters	<code>see("[lower:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[upper:] ¹	uppercase letters	<code>see("[upper:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[alnum:] ¹	letters and numbers	<code>see("[alnum:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[punct:] ¹	punctuation	<code>see("[punct:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[graph:] ¹	letters, numbers, and punctuation	<code>see("[graph:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[space:] ¹	space characters (i.e. \s)	<code>see("[space:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	[blank:] ¹	space and tab (but not new line)	<code>see("[blank:]")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\
	.	every character except a new line	<code>see(".")</code> abc ABC 123 .!?\()\

¹ Many base R functions require classes to be wrapped in a second set of [], e.g. `[digit:]`

[space:]
new line
[blank:]
space
tab



[graph:]
[punct:]
. , : ; ? ! / * @ #
- _ " ' [] { } ()
[symbol:]
` = + ^
~ < > \$
[alnum:]
[digit:]
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
[alpha:]
[lower:]
a b c d e f
g h i j k l
m n o p q r
s t u v w x
y z
[upper:]
A B C D E F
G H I J K L
M N O P Q R
S T U V W X
Y Z

ALTERNATES

regex	matches	example
ab d	or	<code>alt("ab d")</code> abcde
[abe]	one of	<code>alt("[abe]")</code> abcde
^abe	anything but	<code>alt("^abe")</code> abcde
[a-c]	range	<code>alt("[a-c]")</code> abcde

ANCHORS

regex	matches	example
^a	start of string	<code>anchor("^a")</code> aaa
a\$	end of string	<code>anchor("a\$")</code> aaa

LOOK AROUNDS

regex	matches	example
a(=?c)	followed by	<code>look("a(=?c)")</code> bacad
a(!c)	not followed by	<code>look("a(!c)")</code> bacad
(?<=b)a	preceded by	<code>look("(?<=b)a")</code> bacad
(?<!b)a	not preceded by	<code>look("(?<!b)a")</code> bacad

QUANTIFIERS

regex	matches	example
a?	zero or one	<code>quant("a?")</code> .a.aa.aaa
a*	zero or more	<code>quant("a*")</code> .a.aa.aaa
a+	one or more	<code>quant("a+")</code> .a.aa.aaa
a{n}	exactly n	<code>quant("a{2}")</code> .a.aa.aaa
a{n,}	n or more	<code>quant("a{2,}")</code> .a.aa.aaa
a{n,m}	between n and m	<code>quant("a{2,4}")</code> .a.aa.aaa

GROUPS

Use parentheses to set precedent (order of evaluation) and create groups

regex	matches	example
(ab d)e	sets precedence	<code>alt("(ab d)e")</code> abcde

Use an escaped number to refer to and duplicate parentheses groups that occur earlier in a pattern. Refer to each group by its order of appearance

string (type this)	regex (to mean this)	matches (which matches this)	example (the result is the same as ref("abba"))
\\1	\\1 (etc.)	first () group, etc.	<code>ref("(a)(b)\\2\\1")</code> abbaab