

Fundamentals-05 Handling Strings

Created by H. M. Samadhi Chathuranga Rathnayake

```
#Size of strings
msg="Hello how are you?"
nchar(msg)

length(msg)

msgs=c("Good morning","Good afternoon","Good evening","Good night")
nchar(msgs)

length(msgs)

#Set the upper & Lower cases
msg="Today Is A Beautiful Day"
tolower(msg)

toupper(msg)

msgs=c("DOG","cat","Man","COW","rat","Spider")
tolower(msgs)

toupper(msgs)

#Get a sub string of a string
news="Today is a rainy day.Heavy thunderstorms can be expected."
nchar(news)

sub_news1=substr(news,1,21)
sub_news2=substr(news,22,58)
sub_news1

sub_news2

#Concatenating strings
st1="Dog is running."
st2="Cat is sleeping."

st3=paste(st1,st2)
st3

st4=paste(st1,st2,sep = ",")
st4

cat(st1,st2) #This is not returning the output. Just printing
cat(st1,st2,sep="/")
```

#Embedding variables to the strings

```
age=27
st=paste("I am ",age," years old")
st

cat("I am ",age," years old") #Just printing
```

```
age=c(23,32,40,15,50)
st=paste("I am ",age," years old")
st
```

```
st[1]
```

```
st[3]
```

#Print strings with variables (Another technique)

```
name="Sam"
age=27
```

```
msg=sprintf("%s is %d years old",name,age) ##d for numerical values, %s for string values
msg
```

```
mark=readline("Enter your maths mark: ")
```

```
result=sprintf("You have %sed the exam",(function(m)
ifelse(m>=50,"Pass","Fail"))(mark))
result
```

#Splitting strings

```
msg="Have a nice day."
msgv=strsplit(msg," ")
msgv
```

```
msgv[[1]][2]
```

```
msg="My favorite places are home,office,gym,university,studio and garden"
msgv=strsplit(msg,",")
msgv
```

```
msgv[[1]][3]
```

#Escaping characters

```
print("Today is a beautiful day.\nBut it may rain in the evening")
```

```
cat("Today is a beautiful day.\nBut it may rain in the evening") #New Line character
```

```
cat("Today is a beautiful day.\tBut it may rain in the evening") #tab character
```

```
cat("Today is a beautiful d\bay.But it may rain in the evening") #back space character
```

```
print("Saman says,'Today is a good day'")
```

```
cat("Saman says,'Today is a good day'")
```

```
print('Saman says,"Today is a good day"')
```

```
cat('Saman says,"Today is a good day"')
```

```
print("Saman says,\"Today is a good day\\") #double quotations
```

```
cat("Saman says,\"Today is a good day\\")
```

```
print('Saman says,\"Today is a good day\\') #single quotations
```

```
cat('Saman says,\"Today is a good day\\')
```

#Patterns in Strings

#Inbuilt functions in Base R

#Pattern matching & replacement

```
stv=c("Dog","Cat","Dog", "Cat is sleeping","Dog is running","dog is fighting with cat")
```

```
grep("Dog",stv)
```

```
grep("Dog",stv,ignore.case = TRUE)
```

```
grep("Dog",stv,ignore.case = T,invert = T)
```

```
grepl("Dog",stv)
```

```
grepl("Dog",stv,ignore.case = TRUE)
```

```
st="Today is a beautiful day"
```

```
stv=c("Dog","Cat","Dog", "Cat is sleeping","Dog is running","dog is fighting with cat")
```

```
stv2=c("Dog","Cat","Dog", "Cat is sleeping","Dog is running","Dog is fighting with cat because dog is angry")
```

```
sub("Today is","Yesterday was",st)
```

```
sub("Dog","Cow",stv)
```

```
sub("Dog","Cow",stv,ignore.case = T)
```

```
gsub("Today is","Yesterday was",st)
```

```
gsub("Dog","Cow",stv)
```

```
gsub("Dog","Cow",stv,ignore.case = T)
```

```
sub("Dog","Cow",stv2,ignore.case = T)
```

```
gsub("Dog","Cow",stv2,ignore.case = T)
```

```
news="Good morning. Weather forecast says that there will no sign of raining  
in the morning.But will be in the evening"
```

```
regexpr("morning",news,ignore.case = T)
```

```
regexec("evening",news,ignore.case = T)
```

```
gregexpr("morning",news,ignore.case = T)
```