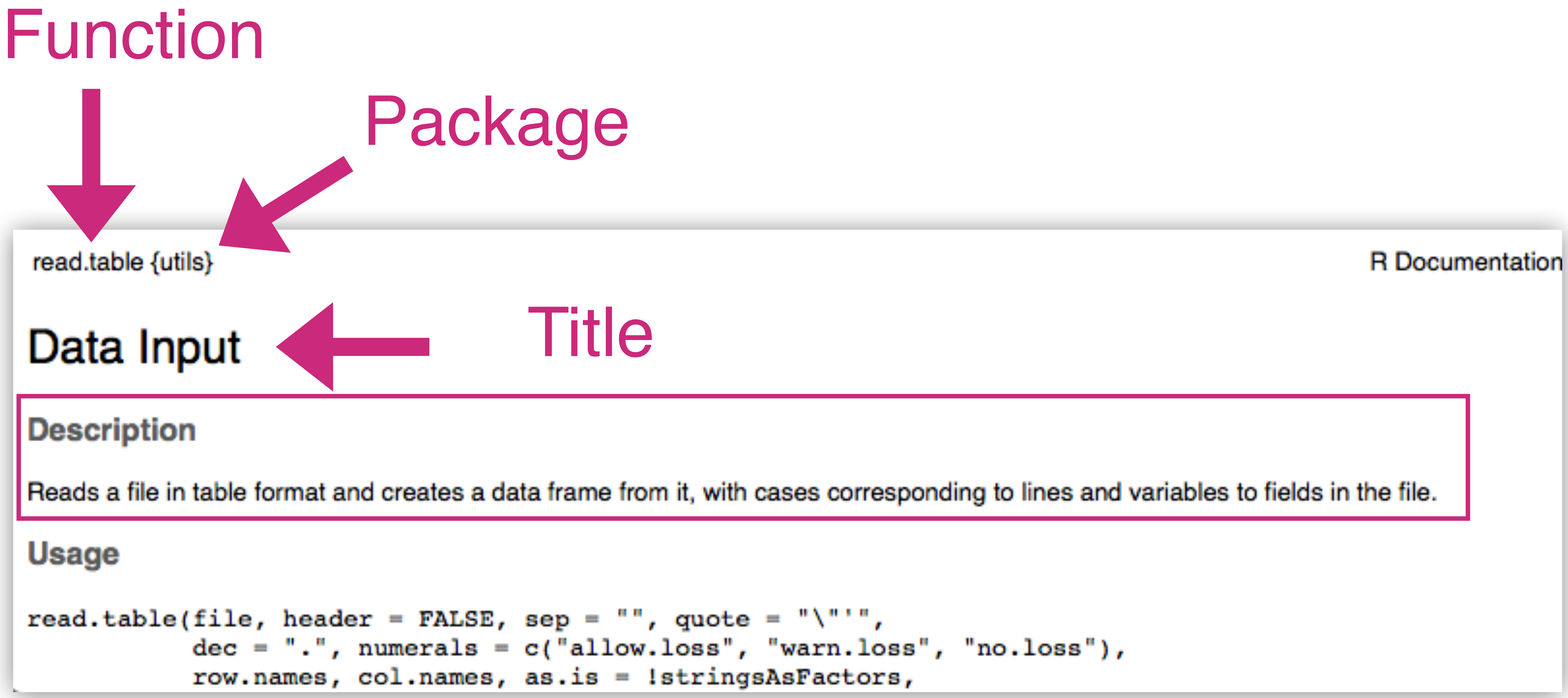
R Help

- Think documentation, not "help"
- Generally need to know the name of the function

- Other resources
  - Stackoverflow https://stackoverflow.com/
  - Google searches
  - R Seek: https://rseek.org/



read.table {utils}   R Documentation

Data Input

Description

Reads a file in table format and creates a data frame from it, with cases corresponding to lines and variables to fields in the file.

Usage

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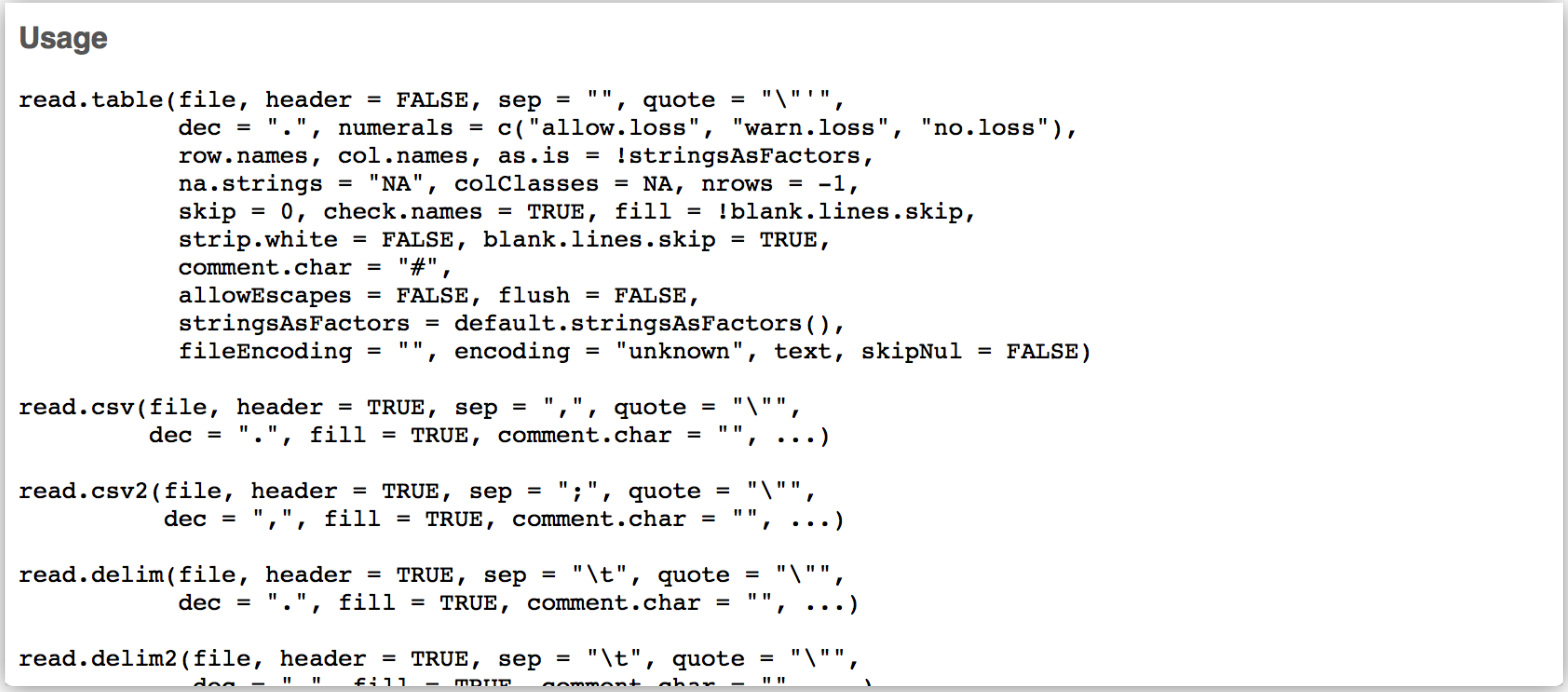

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           strip.white = FALSE, blank.lines.skip = TRUE,
           comment.char = "#",
           allowEscapes = FALSE, flush = FALSE,
           stringsAsFactors = default.stringsAsFactors(),
           fileEncoding = "", encoding = "unknown", text, skipNul = FALSE)

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          dec = ",", fill = TRUE, comment.char = "", ...)

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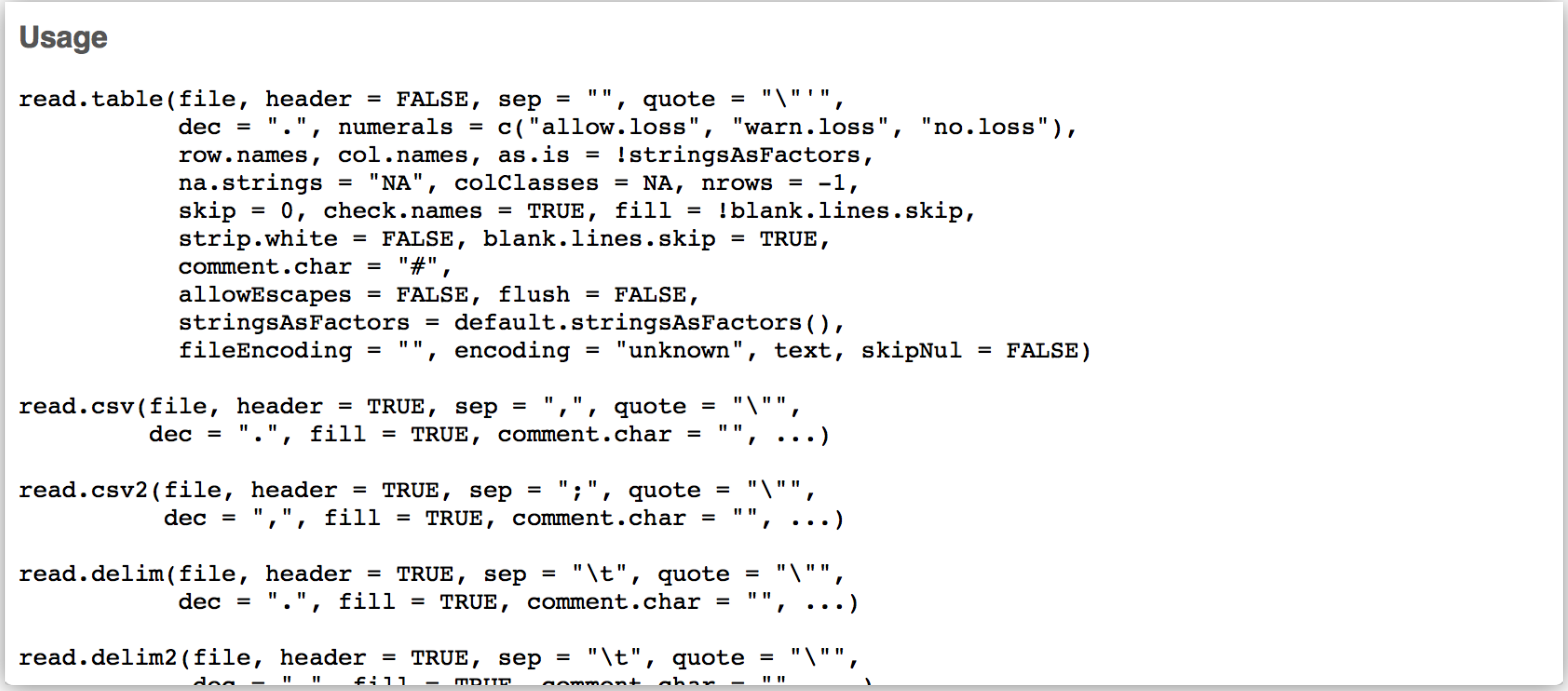

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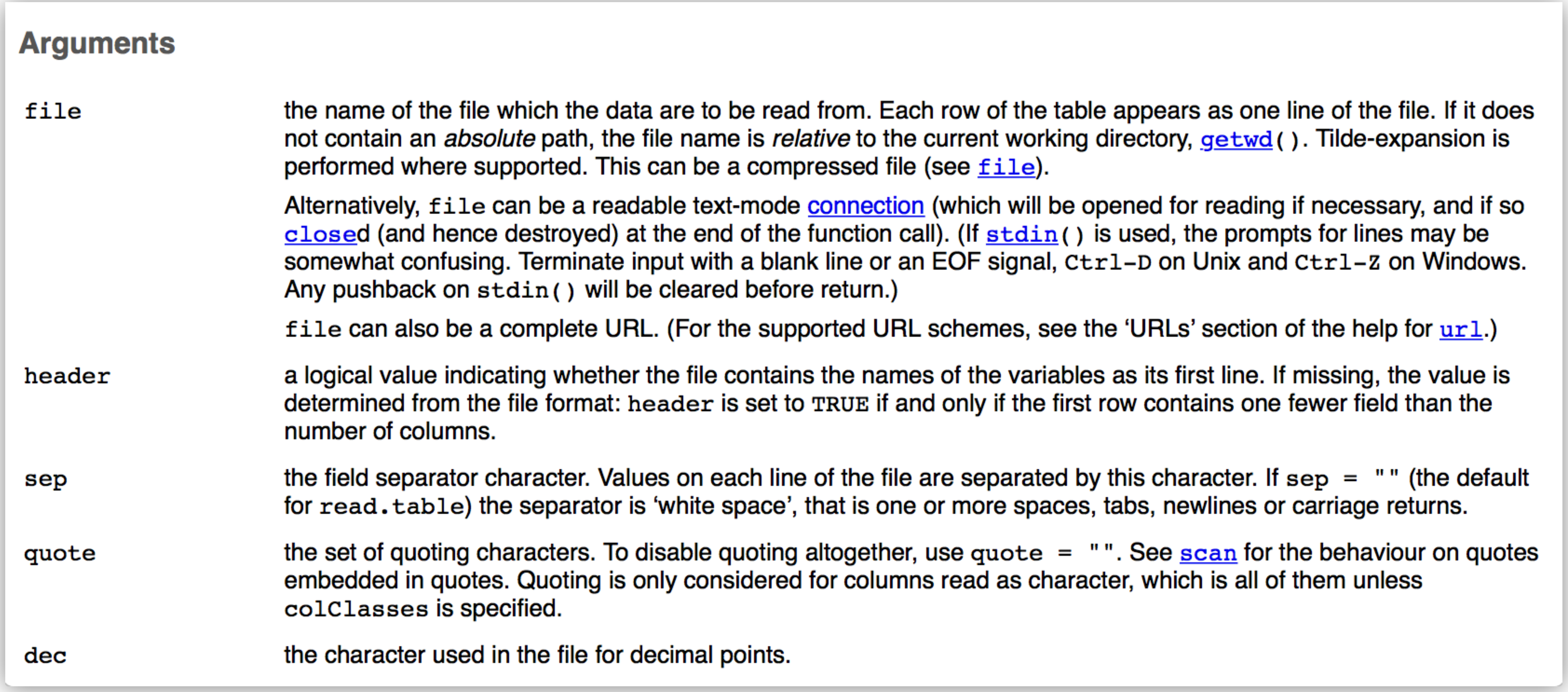

Arguments

`file`	the name of the file which the data are to be read from. Each row of the table appears as one line of the file. If it does not contain an *absolute* path, the file name is *relative* to the current working directory, `getwd()`. Tilde-expansion is performed where supported. This can be a compressed file (see `file`). Alternatively, `file` can be a readable text-mode connection (which will be opened for reading if necessary, and if so `close`d (and hence destroyed) at the end of the function call). (If `stdin()` is used, the prompts for lines may be somewhat confusing. Terminate input with a blank line or an EOF signal, `Ctrl-D` on Unix and `Ctrl-Z` on Windows. Any pushback on `stdin()` will be cleared before return.) `file` can also be a complete URL. (For the supported URL schemes, see the 'URLs' section of the help for `url`.)
`header`	a logical value indicating whether the file contains the names of the variables as its first line. If missing, the value is determined from the file format: `header` is set to `TRUE` if and only if the first row contains one fewer field than the number of columns.
`sep`	the field separator character. Values on each line of the file are separated by this character. If `sep = ""` (the default for `read.table`) the separator is 'white space', that is one or more spaces, tabs, newlines or carriage returns.
`quote`	the set of quoting characters. To disable quoting altogether, use `quote = ""`. See `scan` for the behaviour on quotes embedded in quotes. Quoting is only considered for columns read as character, which is all of them unless `colClasses` is specified.
`dec`	the character used in the file for decimal points.

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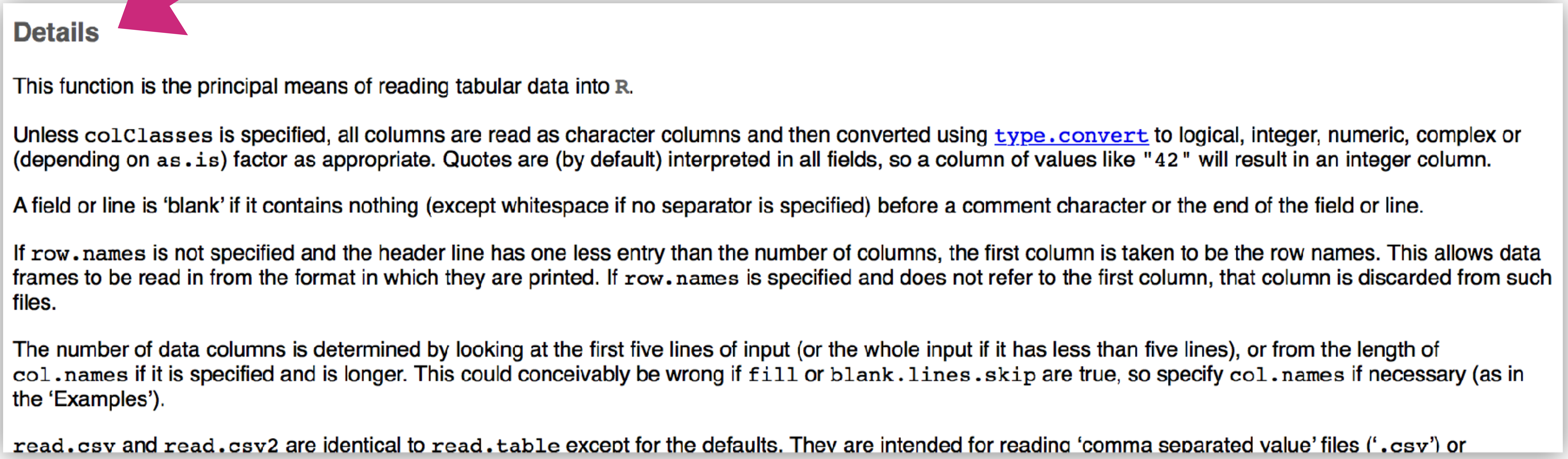
`sep`	the field separator character. Values on each line of the file are separated by this character. If `sep = ""` (the default for `read.table`) the separator is 'white space', that is one or more spaces, tabs, newlines or carriage returns.
`na.strings`	a character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as `NA` values. Blank fields are also considered to be missing values in logical, integer, numeric and complex fields. Note that the test happens *after* white space is stripped from the input, so `na.strings` values may need their own white space stripped in advance.
`stringsAsFactors`	logical: should character vectors be converted to factors? Note that this is overridden by `as.is` and `colClasses`, both of which allow finer control.
`strip.white`	logical. Used only when `sep` has been specified, and allows the stripping of leading and trailing white space from unquoted `character` fields (`numeric` fields are always stripped). See `scan` for further details (including the exact meaning of 'white space'), remembering that the columns may include the row names.

"Details": more details than you usually need about how the function does what it does



Details

This function is the principal means of reading tabular data into R.

Unless `colClasses` is specified, all columns are read as character columns and then converted using `type.convert` to logical, integer, numeric, complex or (depending on `as.is`) factor as appropriate. Quotes are (by default) interpreted in all fields, so a column of values like `"42"` will result in an integer column.

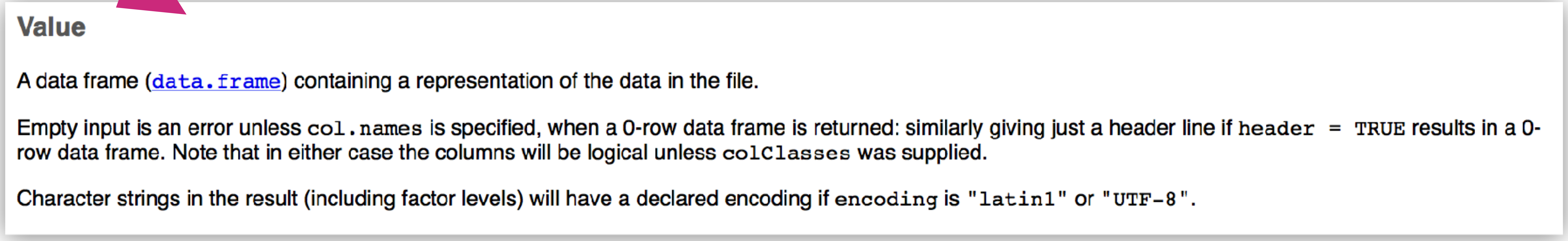
A field or line is 'blank' if it contains nothing (except whitespace if no separator is specified) before a comment character or the end of the field or line.

If `row.names` is not specified and the header line has one less entry than the number of columns, the first column is taken to be the row names. This allows data frames to be read in from the format in which they are printed. If `row.names` is specified and does not refer to the first column, that column is discarded from such files.

The number of data columns is determined by looking at the first five lines of input (or the whole input if it has less than five lines), or from the length of `col.names` if it is specified and is longer. This could conceivably be wrong if `fill` or `blank.lines.skip` are true, so specify `col.names` if necessary (as in the 'Examples').

`read.csv` and `read.csv2` are identical to `read.table` except for the defaults. They are intended for reading 'comma separated value' files ('`.csv`') or

Value: What does this function return to you? What is the output?

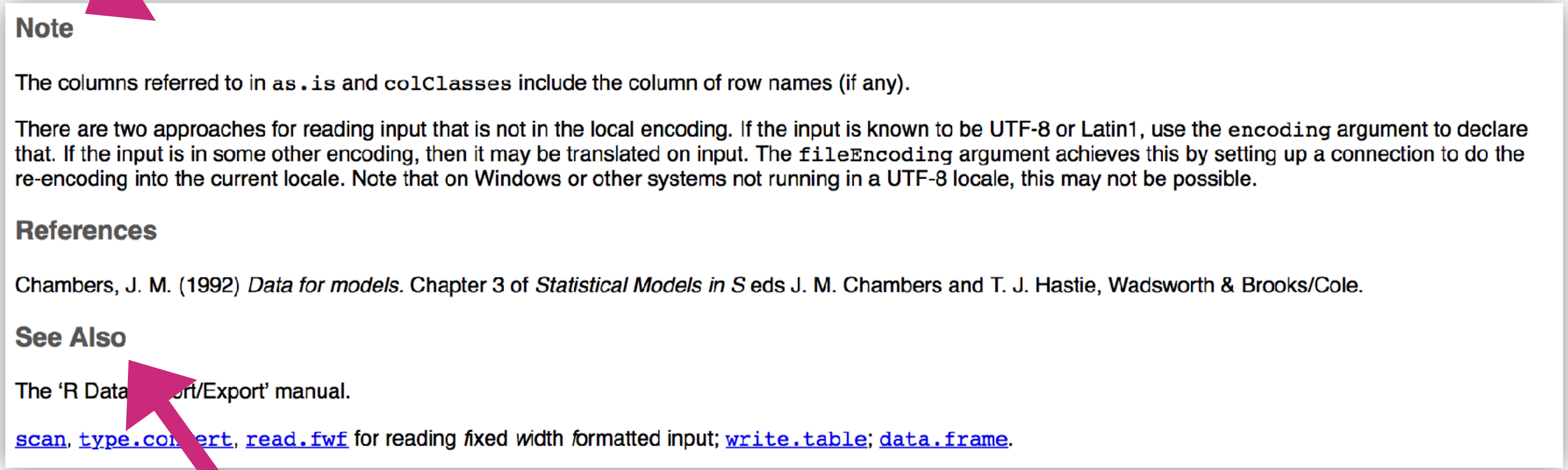

Value

A data frame (`data.frame`) containing a representation of the data in the file.

Empty input is an error unless `col.names` is specified, when a 0-row data frame is returned: similarly giving just a header line if `header = TRUE` results in a 0-row data frame. Note that in either case the columns will be logical unless `colClasses` was supplied.

Character strings in the result (including factor levels) will have a declared encoding if `encoding` is `"latin1"` or `"UTF-8"`.

Note: Special cases or behaviors



Note

The columns referred to in `as.is` and `colClasses` include the column of row names (if any).

There are two approaches for reading input that is not in the local encoding. If the input is known to be UTF-8 or Latin1, use the `encoding` argument to declare that. If the input is in some other encoding, then it may be translated on input. The `fileEncoding` argument achieves this by setting up a connection to do the re-encoding into the current locale. Note that on Windows or other systems not running in a UTF-8 locale, this may not be possible.

References

Chambers, J. M. (1992) *Data for models.* Chapter 3 of *Statistical Models in S* eds J. M. Chambers and T. J. Hastie, Wadsworth & Brooks/Cole.

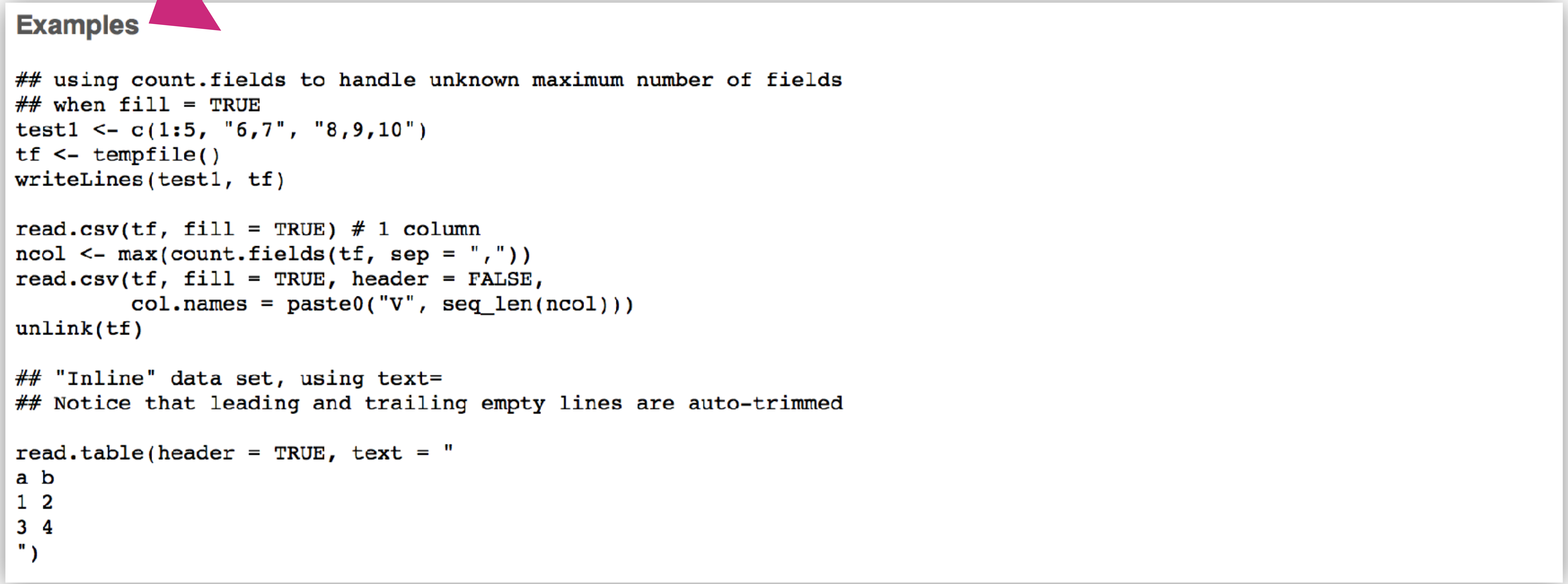
See Also

The ‘R Data [illegible]rt/Export’ manual.

`scan`, `type.co[illegible]ert`, `read.fwf` for reading *f*ixed *w*idth *f*ormatted input; `write.table`; `data.frame`.

See Also: Related functions

Examples: How do you use this?



Examples

```
## using count.fields to handle unknown maximum number of fields
## when fill = TRUE
test1 <- c(1:5, "6,7", "8,9,10")
tf <- tempfile()
writeLines(test1, tf)

read.csv(tf, fill = TRUE) # 1 column
ncol <- max(count.fields(tf, sep = ","))
read.csv(tf, fill = TRUE, header = FALSE,
         col.names = paste0("V", seq_len(ncol)))
unlink(tf)

## "Inline" data set, using text=
## Notice that leading and trailing empty lines are auto-trimmed

read.table(header = TRUE, text = "
a b
1 2
3 4
")
```

Help

```
?table

example("table")
```