

This took me a while to figure out and so I thought I would post this as future reference. Let's say I have the `mtcars` data and I want to filter for just the rows with `cyl == 6`. I would do something like this:

```
library(tidyverse)
data(mtcars)
mtcars %>% filter(cyl == 6)
```

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#	Mazda RX4 Wag	21.0	6	160.0	110	3.90	2.875	17.02	0	1	4	4
#	Hornet 4 Drive	21.4	6	258.0	110	3.08	3.215	19.44	1	0	3	1
#	Valiant	18.1	6	225.0	105	2.76	3.460	20.22	1	0	3	1
#	Merc 280	19.2	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.30	1	0	4	4
#	Merc 280C	17.8	6	167.6	123	3.92	3.440	18.90	1	0	4	4
#	Ferrari Dino	19.7	6	145.0	175	3.62	2.770	15.50	0	1	5	6

What if I had the filter condition as a string instead? The code below doesn't work:

```
filter_string <- "cyl == 6"
mtcars %>% filter(filter_string)
```

```
# Error: Problem with `filter()` input `..1`.
# x Input `..1` must be a logical vector, not a character.
#   Input `..1` is `filter_string`.
# Run `rlang::last_error()` to see where the error occurred.
```

This is one possible solution:

```
mtcars %>% filter (!! rlang::parse_expr(filter_string))
```

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This can be useful if you are trying to running several different filters automatically. In the following contrived example, I want to compute the mean MPG for two different slices of the data:

```
filters <- c("carb == 4", "am == 1")
for (filter in filters) {
  print(paste0("Mean mpg for ",
              filter,
              ": ",
              mtcars %>% filter (!! rlang::parse_expr(filter)) %>%
                summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg)) %>%
                pull()))
}

# [1] "Mean mpg for carb == 4: 15.79"
# [1] "Mean mpg for am == 1: 24.3923076923077"
...

```