# Package 'stringb'

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Title Convenient Base R String Handling

**Description** Base R already ships with string handling capabilities

'out-of-the-box' but lacks streamlined function names and workflow.

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The stringi (stringr) package on the other hand has well named functions and allows for a streamlined workflow but adds further dependencies and regular expression interpretation between base R functions and stringi functions might differ. This packages aims at closing the gap by providing another string handling package solely based wrapping bese R functions into stringr/stringi function names and workflow. Fruthermore, stringb adds some further convenience functions for sring handling.
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# Description

have a look at environments

```
dp_ls(env = globalenv(), filter = FALSE)
```

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## Arguments

env environment list objects

filter for classes to be returned

dp\_tf

text function: wrapper for system.file() to access test files

## Description

text function: wrapper for system.file() to access test files

## Usage

$$dp_tf(x = NULL)$$

## Arguments

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name of the file

stringb\_arrange

function to sort df by variables

## Description

function to sort df by variables

## Usage

```
stringb_arrange(df, ...)
```

## Arguments

df data.frame to be sorted

... column names to use for sorting

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text\_c

generic for concatenating strings

## Description

```
generic for concatenating strings text_c default
```

#### Usage

```
text_c(..., sep = "", coll = NULL)
## Default S3 method:
text_c(..., sep = "", coll = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

... one or more texts to be concatonated (see also paste)

sep separator between concatonated elements (see also paste)

if texts (not only there elements) are to be collapsed as well, how should the be

separated (see also paste)

## See Also

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```

text\_collapse

function for collapsing text vectors

## Description

```
function for collapsing text vectors
default method for text_collapse()
text_collapse() method for list
text_collapse() method for data.frames
text_collapse() method for matrix
```

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#### Usage

```
text_collapse(x, coll = "")
## Default S3 method:
text_collapse(x, coll = "")
## S3 method for class 'list'
text_collapse(x, coll = "")
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
text_collapse(x, coll = "")
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
text_collapse(x, coll = "")
```

#### Arguments

x object to be collapsed

coll separator between collapsed text parts

... additional parameter passed through to methods

text\_count

generic for counting pattern occurences

## Description

```
generic for counting pattern occurences text_count defaul method
```

#### Usage

```
text_count(string, pattern, sum = FALSE, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_count(string, pattern, sum = FALSE,
    vectorize = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

string text to search through pattern regex to search for

sum if true all element-wise counts will be summed up

vectorize should function be used in vectorized mode, i.e. should a pattern with length

larger than 1 be allowed and if so, should it be matched to lines (with recycling

if needed) instead of using on element on all lines

. . . further arguments passed through to gregexpr

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text\_delete

deleting patterns in string

#### **Description**

```
deleting patterns in string
deleting patterns in string
```

## Usage

```
text_delete(string, pattern = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_delete(string, pattern = NULL, ...)
```

#### Arguments

string text to be replaced pattern regex to look for

... further parameter passed through to sub

text\_detect

generic function to test if a regex can be found within a string

## Description

```
generic function to test if a regex can be found within a string
text_detect default method
generic function to test if a regex can be found within a string
```

#### Usage

```
text_detect(string, pattern, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_detect(string, pattern, ...)
text_grepl(string, pattern, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
string text to be searched through
```

pattern regex to look for

... further arguments passed through to grepl

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text\_eval

wrapper function of eval() and parse() to evaluate character vector

## Description

wrapper function of eval() and parse() to evaluate character vector

#### Usage

```
text_eval(x, envir = parent.frame(), ...)
```

## Arguments

X	character vector to be parsed and evaluated
envir	where to evaluate character vector
• • •	arguments passed through to eval()

text\_extract

extract regex matches

#### **Description**

wrapper function around regexec and regmatches

## Usage

```
text_extract(x, pattern, ignore.case = FALSE, perl = FALSE, fixed = FALSE,
  useBytes = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

```
x text from which to extract
pattern see grep
ignore.case see grep
perl see grep
fixed see grep
useBytes see grep
```

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text\_extract\_all

extract regex matches

## Description

wrapper function around gregexec and regmatches

## Usage

```
text_extract_all(x, pattern, ignore.case = FALSE, perl = FALSE,
  fixed = FALSE, useBytes = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

X	text from which to extract
pattern	see grep
ignore.case	see grep
perl	see grep
fixed	see grep
useBytes	see grep

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wrapper around nchar to return text length

## Description

wrapper around nchar to return text length

#### Usage

```
text_length(x, type = "chars", allowNA = FALSE, keepNA = TRUE,
    na.rm = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

X	see nchar
type	see nchar
allowNA	see nchar
keepNA	see nchar
na.rm	see nchar

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text\_locate

function to get start, end, length form pattern match

## Description

```
function to get start, end, length form pattern match text_locate default
```

#### Usage

```
text_locate(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_locate(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string text to be searched through

pattern regex to look for

vectorize should function be used in vectorized mode, i.e. should a pattern with length

larger than 1 be allowed and if so, should it be matched to lines (with recycling

if needed) instead of using on element on all lines

... further options passed through to regexpr

text\_locate\_all

function to get start, end, length form pattern match for all matches

## Description

```
function to get start, end, length form pattern match for all matches text_locate_all default
```

```
text_locate_all(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE, simplify = FALSE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_locate_all(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE,
    simplify = FALSE, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

string text to search through pattern regex to search for

vectorize should function be used in vectorized mode, i.e. should a pattern with length

larger than 1 be allowed and if so, should it be matched to lines (with recycling

if needed) instead of using on element on all lines

simplify either getting back a list of results or all list elements merged into a data.frame

with columns identifying original line (i) and pattern (p) number

... further arguments passed through to gregexpr

text\_locate\_all\_worker

helper function to get start, end, length form pattern match

#### **Description**

helper function to get start, end, length form pattern match

#### Usage

```
text_locate_all_worker(string, pattern, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string text to be searched through

pattern regex to look for

. . . further options passed through to regexpr

#### Description

helper function to standardize regexpr results

#### Usage

```
text_locate_cleanup(tmp)
```

## Arguments

tmp regexpr or gregexpr result

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text\_locate\_worker

helper function to get start, end, length form pattern match

## Description

helper function to get start, end, length form pattern match

## Usage

```
text_locate_worker(string, pattern, ...)
```

## Arguments

string text to be searched through

pattern regex to look for

... further options passed through to regexpr

text\_nchar

wrapper around nchar to return text length

## Description

wrapper around nchar to return text length

## Usage

```
text_nchar(x, type = "chars", allowNA = FALSE, keepNA = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x see nchar
type see nchar
allowNA see nchar
keepNA see nchar

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text_read read in text
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## Description

A wrapper to readLines() to make things more ordered and convenient. In comparison to the wrapped up readLines() function text\_read() does some things differently: (1) If no encoding is given, it will always assume files are stored in UTF-8 instead of the system locale. (2) it will always converts text to UTF-8 instead of transforming it to the system locale. (3) in addition to loading, it offers to tokenize the text using a regular expression or NULL for no tokenization at all.

#### Usage

```
text_read(file, tokenize = "\n", encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

file	name or path to the file to be read in or a connection object (see readLines)
tokenize	either NULL so that no splitting is done; a regular expression to use to split text into parts; or a function that does the splitting (or whatever other transformation)
encoding	character encoding of file passed throught to readLines
	further arguments passed through to readLines like: n, ok, warn, skipNul

```
text_rep generic repeating text
```

#### Description

```
generic repeating text
text_rep defaul method
```

```
text_rep(string, times, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
text_dup(string, times, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_rep(string, times, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

string text to be repeated

times how many times shal string be repeated

vectorize should function be used in vectorized mode, i.e. should a pattern with length

larger than 1 be allowed and if so, should it be matched to lines (with recycling

if needed) instead of using on element on all lines

... further arguments passed through

text\_replace

replacing patterns in string

## Description

```
replacing patterns in string
replacing patterns default
```

## Usage

```
text_replace(string, pattern = NULL, replacement = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_replace(string, pattern = NULL, replacement = NULL,
...)
```

## Arguments

string text to be replaced pattern regex to look for

further parameter passed through to sub

text\_replace\_all

replacing patterns in string

#### Description

```
replacing patterns in string
replacing patterns default
```

```
text_replace_all(string, pattern = NULL, replacement = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_replace_all(string, pattern = NULL,
    replacement = NULL, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

string text to be replaced pattern regex to look for

further parameter passed through to gsub

text\_show function for showing text

## Description

shows text or portions of the text via cat and the usage of text\_snippet()

## Usage

```
text_show(x, length = 500, from = NULL, to = NULL, coll = FALSE,
  wrap = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	text to be shown
length	number of characters to be shown
from	show from ith character
to	show up to ith character
coll	should x be collapsed using newline character as binding?
wrap	should text be wrapped, or wrapped to certain width, or wrapped by certain function

## Description

function will give back snippets of text via using length, length and from, length and to, or from and to to specify the snippet

```
text_snippet(x, length = max(nchar(x)), from = NULL, to = NULL,
  coll = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

Χ	character vector to be snipped
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length length of snippet from starting character to last character

coll should a possible vector x with length > 1 collapsed with newline character as

separator?

#### **Functions**

• text\_snippet: retrieving text snippet

text\_split

generic splitting strings

## Description

```
generic splitting strings
text_split defaul method
```

#### Usage

```
text_split(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_split(string, pattern, vectorize = FALSE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

string text to search through
pattern regex to search for

vectorize should function be used in vectorized mode, i.e. should a pattern with length

larger than 1 be allowed and if so, should it be matched to lines (with recycling

if needed) instead of using on element on all lines

... further arguments passed through to gregexpr

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text\_tokenize

generic for gregexpr wrappers to tokenize text

## Description

generic for gregexpr wrappers to tokenize text default method for text\_tokenize generic function tokenizing rtext objects

#### Usage

```
text_tokenize(x, regex = NULL, ignore.case = FALSE, fixed = FALSE,
    perl = FALSE, useBytes = FALSE, non_token = FALSE)

## Default S3 method:
text_tokenize(x, regex = NULL, ignore.case = FALSE,
    fixed = FALSE, perl = FALSE, useBytes = FALSE, non_token = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'rtext'
text_tokenize(x, regex = NULL, ignore.case = FALSE,
    fixed = FALSE, perl = FALSE, useBytes = FALSE, non_token = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x	x object to be tokenized
regex	regex expressing where to cut see (see gregexpr)
ignore.case	whether or not reges should be case sensitive (see gregexpr)
fixed	whether or not regex should be interpreted as is or as regular expression (see gregexpr)
perl	whether or not Perl compatible regex should be used (see gregexpr)
useBytes	byte-by-byte matching of regex or character-by-character (see gregexpr)
non_token	should information for non-token, i.e. those patterns by which the text was splitted, be returned as well

## Value

data.frame, token: string of the token; from: position in text at which token starts; to: position in text at which the token ends length: length of the token; type: type of the token, either its matched by regular expression used for tokenization or not matched

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text\_tokenize\_words

tokenize text into words

#### **Description**

A wrapper to text\_tokenize that tokenizes text into words. Since using text\_tokenize()'s option non\_token might slow things down considerably this one purpose wrapper is a little more clever than the general implementation and hence much faster.

## Usage

```
text_tokenize_words(x, non_token = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x the text to be tokenized

non\_token whether or not token as well as non tokens shall be returned.

text\_to\_lower

function for make text lower case

## Description

```
function for make text lower case
default method for text_tolower()
```

## Usage

```
text_to_lower(x)
## Default S3 method:
text_to_lower(x)
```

## Arguments

Χ

text to be processed

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text\_to\_title\_case

function for make text lower case

## Description

```
function for make text lower case default method for text_to_title_case.()
```

## Usage

```
text_to_title_case(x)
## Default S3 method:
text_to_title_case(x)
```

## Arguments

Х

text to be processed

text\_to\_upper

function for make text lower case

## Description

```
function for make text lower case
default method for text_to_upper()
```

#### Usage

```
text_to_upper(x)
## Default S3 method:
text_to_upper(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

text to be processed

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text\_trim

trim spaces

#### **Description**

trim spaces trim spaces default trim spaces list trim spaces numeric

#### Usage

```
text_trim(string, side = c("both", "left", "right"), pattern = " ", ...)

## Default S3 method:
text_trim(string, side = c("both", "left", "right"),
    pattern = " ", ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
text_trim(string, side = c("both", "left", "right"),
    pattern = " ", ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
text_trim(string, side = c("both", "left", "right"),
    pattern = " ", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string text to be trimmed

side defaults to both might also be left, right, both or b, r, l to express where to trim pattern away

pattern regex to look for
... further arguments passed through to text\_replace()

text\_which

generic function to know in which elements a pattern can be found

#### **Description**

generic function to know in which elements a pattern can be found text\_which default method generic function to know in which elements a pattern can be found 20 text\_which\_value

#### Usage

```
text_which(string, pattern, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_which(string, pattern, ...)
text_grep(string, pattern, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string the text to be searched through

pattern regex to look for

... further arguments passed through to grepl

text\_which\_value

generic function to get whole elements in which pattern was found

## **Description**

generic function to get whole elements in which pattern was found generic function to get whole elements in which pattern was found text\_which\_value default method

## Usage

```
text_which_value(string, pattern, ...)
text_grepv(string, pattern, ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_which_value(string, pattern, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string the character vector to be searched through

pattern regex to look for

further arguments passed through to grep

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text_write	write text to file
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#### **Description**

A generic function to write text to file (or a connection) and accompanying methods that wrap writeLines to do so. In contrast to vanilla writeLines() text\_write() (1) is a generic so methods, handling something else than character vectors, can be implemented (2) in contrast to writeLines()' default to transform to write text in the system locale text\_write() will default to UTF-8 no matter the locale (3) furthermore this encoding can be changed to any encoding supported by iconv (see also iconvlist)

```
text_write() default
```

#### Usage

```
text_write(string, file, sep = "\n", encoding = "UTF-8", ...)
## Default S3 method:
text_write(string, file, sep = "\n", encoding = "UTF-8",
...)
```

#### **Arguments**

string	text to be written
file	file name or file path or an connection object - passed through to write Lines()'s con argument $\  $
sep	character to separate lines (i.e. vector elements) from each other - passed through to write Lines ()'s con argument
encoding	encoding in which to write text to disk
• • •	further arguments that might be passed to methods (not used at the moment)

%.%

concatenating strings operator

## Description

```
(see also text_c and paste)
```

## Usage

a %.% b

## Arguments

```
a first textb second text
```

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%..%

concatenating strings

# Description

(see also text\_c and paste)

# Usage

a %..% b

# Arguments

a first text

b first text

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