

# Package ‘easyr’

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astext	<i>As Text</i>
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## Description

Prints a vector as text you can copy and paste back into the code. Helpful for copying vectors into code for testing and validation. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

## Usage

```
astext(x)
```

## Arguments

x	Vector to represent as text.
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**Value**

Vector represented as a character.

**Examples**

```
astext( c( 1, 2, 4 ) )
astext( c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ) )
```

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 atype

*Auto-Type*


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**Description**

Use easyr date and number and conversion functions to automatically convert data to the most useful type available.

**Usage**

```
atype(
  x,
  auto_convert_dates = TRUE,
  allow_times = FALSE,
  check_numbers = TRUE,
  nazero = FALSE,
  check_logical = TRUE,
  isexcel = TRUE,
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,
  exclude = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data to auto-type.
auto_convert_dates	Choose to convert dates.
allow_times	Choose if you want to get times. Only use this if your data has times, otherwise there is a small chance it will prevent proper date conversion.
check_numbers	Choose to convert numbers.
nazero	Convert NAs in numeric columns to 0.
check_logical	Choose to convert numbers.
isexcel	By default, we assume this data may have come from excel. This is to assist in date conversion from excel integers. If you know it didn't and are having issues with data conversion, set this to FALSE.

stringsAsFactors	Convert strings/characters to factors to save compute time, RAM/memory, and storage space.
nastrings	Strings to consider NA.
exclude	Column name(s) to exclude.

### Details

Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Value

Data frame with column types automatically converted.

### Examples

```
# create some data in all-characters.
x = data.frame(
  char = c( 'abc', 'def' ),
  num = c( '1', '2' ),
  date = c( '1/1/2018', '2018-2-01' ),
  na = c( NA, NA ),
  bool = c( 'TRUE', 'FALSE' ),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

# different atype options. Note how the output types change.
str( atype( x ) )
str( atype( x, exclude = 'date' ) )
str( atype( x, auto_convert_dates = FALSE ) )
str( atype( x, check_logical = FALSE ) )
```

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begin

*Begin*

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### Description

Perform common operations before running a script. Includes clearing environment objects, disabling scientific notation, loading common packages, and setting the working directory to the location of the current file.

### Usage

```
begin(
  wd = NULL,
  load = c("magrittr", "dplyr"),
  keep = NULL,
  scipen = FALSE,
```

```

  verbose = TRUE,
  repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org"
)

```

### Arguments

wd	Path to set as working directory. If blank, the location of the current file open in RStudio will be used if available. If FALSE, the working directory will not be changed.
load	Packages to load. If not available, they'll be installed.
keep	Environment objects to keep. If blank, all objects will be removed from the environment.
scipen	Do scientific notation in output?
verbose	Print information about what the function is doing?
repos	choose the URL to install from.

### Examples

```
begin()
```

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binbyvol

*Bin by Volume*

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### Description

Bins a numerical column according to another numerical column's volume. For example if I want to bin a column "Age" (of people) into 10 deciles according to "CountofPeople" then I will get Age breakpoints returned by my function such that there is 10 This function handles NA's as their own separate bin, and handles any special values you want to separate out. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Usage

```
binbyvol(df, groupby, vol, numbins)
```

### Arguments

df	(Data Frame) Your data.
groupby	(Character) Name of the column you'll create cuts in. Must be the character name of a numeric column.
vol	(Character) Name of the column for which each cut will have an equal percentage of volume.
numbins	Number of bins to use.

**Value**

Age breakpoints returned by my function such that there is 10

**Examples**

```
# bin Sepal.Width according to Sepal.Length.
iris$bin <- binbyvol(iris, 'Sepal.Width', 'Sepal.Length', 5)

# check the binning success.
aggregate( Sepal.Length ~ bin, data = iris, sum )
```

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**bindf***Bind Rows with Factors*

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**Description**

Matches factor levels before binding rows. If factors have 0 levels it will change the column to character to avoid errors. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
bindf(..., sort.levels = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

```
...          data to be binded
sort.levels  Sort the factor levels after combining them.
```

**Value**

Binded data, with any factors modified to contain all levels in the binded data.

**Examples**

```
# create data where factors have different levels.
df1 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ),
  factor2 = c( 'high', 'medium', 'low' ),
  factor.join = c( '0349038u093843', '304359867893753', '3409783509735' ),
  numeric = c( 1, 2, 3 ),
  logical = c( TRUE, TRUE, TRUE )
)#'
df2 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'd', 'e', 'f' ),
  factor2 = c( 'low', 'medium', 'high' ),
  factor.join = c( '32532532536', '304359867893753', '32534745876' ),
  numeric = c( 4, 5, 6 ),
  logical = c( FALSE, FALSE, FALSE )
```

```

)

# bindf preserves factors but combines levels.
# factor-friendly functions default to ordered levels.
str( df1 )
str( bindf( df1, df2 ) )

```

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cache.init	<i>Initialize cache.</i>
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### Description

Set cache info so easyr can manage the cache.

### Usage

```

cache.init(
  caches,
  at.path,
  verbose = TRUE,
  save.only = FALSE,
  skip.missing = TRUE,
  n_processes = 2
)

```

### Arguments

caches	List of lists with properties name, depends.on. See example.
at.path	Where to save the cache. If NULL, a cache/ folder will be created in the current working directory.
verbose	Print via cat() information about cache operations.
save.only	Choose not to load the cache. Use this if you need to check cache validity in multiple spots but only want to load at the last check.
skip.missing	Passed to hashfiles, choose if an error occurs if a depends.on file isn't found.
n_processes	Passed to qs to determine how many cores/workers to use when reading/saving data.

### Examples

```

# initialize a cache with 1 cache which depends on files in the current working directory.
# this will create a cache folder in your current working directory.
# then, you call functions to check and build the cache.
## Not run:

folder = system.file('extdata', package = 'easyr')
cache.init(

```



```

# Initial file read (raw except for renaming).
caches = list(
  list(
    name = 'prep-files',
    depends.on = paste0(folder, '/script.R')
  )
),

at.path = paste0(tempdir(), '/cache')

)

## End(Not run)

```

---

cache.ok

*Check Cache Status*


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## Description

Check a cache and if necessary clear it to trigger a re-cache.

## Usage

```
cache.ok(cache.num, do.load = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

cache.num	The index/number for the cache we are checking in the cache.info list.
do.load	Load the cache if it is found.

## Value

Boolean indicating if the cache is acceptable. FALSE indicates the cache doesn't exist or is invalid so code should be run again.

## Examples

```

# check the first cache to see if it exists and dependent files haven't changed.
# if this is TRUE, code in brackets will get skipped and the cache will be loaded instead.
# set do.load = FALSE if you have multiple files that build a cache,
#   to prevent multiple cache loads.
# output will be printed to the console to tell you if the cache was loaded or re-built.
## Not run:
  if( ! cache.ok(1) ){

    # do stuff

    # if this is the final file for this cache,

```

```

    # end with save.cache to save passed objects as a cache.
    save.cache(iris)
  }

## End(Not run)

```

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cblind	<i>cblind</i>
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### Description

Color palette that is effective for color-blind clients.

### Usage

```
cblind
```

### Format

Named vector of hex colors.

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cc	<i>Concatenate.</i>
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### Description

Shorthand function for paste. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Usage

```
cc(..., sep = "")
```

### Arguments

...	Arguments to be passed to paste0. Typically a list of vectors or values to be concatenated.
sep	(Optional) Separator between concatenated items.

### Value

Vector of pasted/concatenated values.

### Examples

```

cc( 1, 2, 4 )
x = data.frame( c1 = c( 1, 2, 4 ), c2 = c( 3, 5, 7 ) )
cc( x$c1, x$c2 )
cc( x$c1, x$c2, sep = '-' )

```

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char2fac	<i>Characters to Factors</i>
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**Description**

Convert all character columns in a data frame to factors. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
char2fac(x, sortlevels = FALSE, na_level = "(Missing)")
```

**Arguments**

x	Data frame to modify.
sortlevels	Choose whether to sort levels. This is the default R behavior and is therefore likely faster, but it may change the order of the data and this can be problematic so the default is FALSE.
na_level	some functions don't like factors to have NAs so we replace NAs with this value for factors only. Set NULL to skip.

**Value**

Data frame with converted factors.

**Examples**

```
char2fac( iris )
```

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charnum	<i>Check for Number Formatted as Character.</i>
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**Description**

Checks a vector or value to see if it is a number formatted as a character. Useful for checking columns formatted with \$ or commas, etc. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Dominic Dillingham.

**Usage**

```
charnum(x, na_strings = easyr::nastrings, run_unique = TRUE, check_date = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector to check.
na_strings	Strings to consider NA.
run_unique	Convert to unique variables before checking. In some cases, this can make it take longer than necessary. In most, it will make it faster.
check_date	Check for a date, in which case it isn't a number. If you have already checked a date and know it isn't, set this to FALSE to run faster.

**Value**

True/false value indicating if the vector is a number formatted as a character. Helpful for checking before calling `easyr:tonum()`.

**Examples**

```
charnum( c(
  '123', '$50.02', '30%', '(300.01)', '-10', '1 230.4', NA, '-', ' ', "3.799999999999999E-2"
))
charnum( c( '123', 'abc', '30%', NA ) )
# returns FALSE since this can be converted to a date:
charnum( c( '20180101' ) )
```

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 checkeq

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*Check Value or Control Total*


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**Description**

Check actual versus expected values and get helpful metrics back. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Lindsay Smeltzer.

**Usage**

```
checkeq(expected, actual, desc = "", acceptable_pct_diff = 1e-08, digits = 2)
```

**Arguments**

expected	The expected value of the metric.
actual	The actual value of the metric.
desc	(Optional) Description of the metric being checked.
acceptable_pct_diff	(Optional) Acceptable percentage difference when checking values. Checked as an absolute value.
digits	(Optional) Digits to round to. Without rounding you get errors from floating values. Set to NA to avoid rounding.

**Value**

Message (via cat) indicating success or errors out in case of failure.

**Examples**

```
checked(expected=100,actual=100,desc='A Match')
```

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`clear.cache`*Clear Cache*

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**Description**

Clears all caches or the cache related to the passed cache info list.

**Usage**

```
clear.cache(cache = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

cache            The cache list to clear.

**Value**

FALSE if a cache info list item is passed in order to assist other functions in returning this value, otherwise NULL.

**Examples**

```
# this will only have an effect if a current cache exists.
## Not run:
  clear.cache()

## End(Not run)
```

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coalf	<i>Factor-friendly Coalesce</i>
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**Description**

Coalesce function that matches and updates factor levels appropriately. Checks each argument vector starting with the first until a non-NA value is found. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
coalf(...)
```

**Arguments**

```
...           Source vectors.
```

**Value**

Vector of values.

**Examples**

```
x <- sample(c(1:5, NA, NA, NA))
coalf(x, 0L)
```

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crun	<i>Concatenate and run.</i>
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**Description**

Concatenate arguments and run them as a command. Shorthand for `eval( parse( text = paste0( ... ) ) )`. Consider also using `base::get()` which can be used to get an object from a string, but only if it already exists. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
crun(...)
```

**Arguments**

```
...           Character(s) to be concatenated and run as a command.
```

**Examples**

```
crun( 'print(', '"hello world!"', ')')
crun('T', 'RUE')
```

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ddiff *Date difference (or difference in days).*

---

### Description

Date difference (or difference in days).

### Usage

```
ddiff(x, y, unit = "day", do.date.convert = TRUE, do.numeric = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

**x** Vector of starting dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.

**y** Vector of ending dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.

**unit** Character indicating what to use as the unit of difference. Values like d, y, m or day, year, month will work. Takes just the first letter in lower-case to determine unit.

**do.date.convert** Convert to dates before running the difference. If you know your columns are already dates, setting to FALSE will make your code run faster.

**do.numeric** Convert the output to a number instead of a date difference object.

### Value

Vector of differences.

### Examples

```
ddiff( lubridate::mdy( '1/1/2018' ), lubridate::mdy( '3/4/2018' ) )
```

---

dict *Get Data Dictionary*

---

### Description

Get information about a Data Frame or Data Table. Use getinfo to explore a single column instead. If you like, use ecopy function or argument to copy to the clipboard so that it can be pasted into Excel. Otherwise it returns a data frame. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review & Modifications: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
dict(
  x,
  topn = 5,
  botn = 5,
  na.strings = easyr::nastrings,
  do.atype = TRUE,
  ecopy = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data Frame or Data Table.
topn	Number of top values to print.
botn	Number of bottom values to print.
na.strings	Strings to consider NA.
do.atype	Auto-determine variable types. If your data already has types set, skip this to speed up the code.
ecopy	Use ecopy function or argument to copy to the clipboard so that it can be pasted into Excel.

**Examples**

```
dict(iris)
```

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drows

*Get Rows with Duplicates*


---

**Description**

Pulls all rows with duplicates in a column, not just the duplicate row. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
drows(x, c, na = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data frame.
c	Column as vector or string.
na	Consider multiple NAs as duplicates?

**Value**

Rows from the data frame in which the column is duplicated.



**Examples**

```
ddt = bindf( cars, utils::head( cars, 10 ) )
drows( ddt, 'speed' )
```

---

ecopy

*Copy to Clipboard*


---

**Description**

Copies a data.frame or anything that can be converted into a data.frame. After running this, you can use ctrl+v or Edit > Paste to paste it to another program, typically Excel. A simple use case would be `ecopy(names(df))` to copy the names of a data frame to the clipboard to paste to Excel or Outlook. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
ecopy(x, showrowcolnames = c("cols", "rows", "both", "none"), show = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object you'd like to copy to the clipboard.
showrowcolnames	(Optional) Show row and column names. Choose 'none', 'cols', 'rows', or 'both'.
show	(Optional Boolean) Set to 'show' if you want to also print the object to the console.

**Examples**

```
ecopy( iris, showrowcolnames = "cols", show = 'show' )
ecopy(iris)
```

---

eq

*NA-Friendly Equality Comparison*


---

**Description**

Vectorized flexible equality comparison which considers NAs as a value. Returns TRUE if both values are NA, and FALSE when only one is NA. The standard `==` comparison returns NA in both of these cases and sometimes this is interpreted unexpectedly. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
eq(x, y, do.null.equal = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x                    First vector/value for comparison.  
y                    Second vector/value for comparison.  
do.nanull.equal    Return TRUE if both inputs are NA or NULL (tested via easyr::nanull).

**Value**

Boolean vector/value of comparisons.

**Examples**

```
c(NA, 'NA', 1, 2, 'c') == c(NA, NA, 1, 2, 'a') # regular equality check.  
eq(c(NA, 'NA', 1, 2, 'c'), c(NA, NA, 1, 2, 'a')) # check with eq.
```

---

fac2char

*Factors to Characters*

---

**Description**

Convert all factor columns in a data frame to characters. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
fac2char(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Data frame to modify.

**Value**

Data frame with converted characters.

**Examples**

```
char2fac( iris )
```

---

**fjoinf** *Full Join with Factors*

---

**Description**

Matches factor levels before full join via merge. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
fjoinf(  
  data.left,  
  data.right,  
  by,  
  sort.levels = TRUE,  
  restrict.levels = FALSE,  
  na_level = "(Missing)"  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data.left</code>	Left data. Only rows that match the join will be included (may still result in duplication).
<code>data.right</code>	Right data. All of this data will be preserved in the join (may also result in duplication).
<code>by</code>	Columns to join on.
<code>sort.levels</code>	Sort the factor levels after combining them.
<code>restrict.levels</code>	Often the joined data won't use all the levels in both datasets. Set to TRUE to remove factor levels that aren't in the joined data.
<code>na_level</code>	some functions don't like factors to have NAs so we replace NAs with this value for factors only. Set NULL to skip.

**Value**

Joined data, with any factors modified to contain all levels in the joined data.

**Examples**

```
df1 = data.frame(  
  factor1 = c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ),  
  factor2 = c( 'high', 'medium', 'low' ),  
  factor.join = c( '0349038u093843', '304359867893753', '3409783509735' ),  
  numeric = c( 1, 2, 3 ),  
  logical = c( TRUE, TRUE, TRUE )  
)
```

```
df2 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'd', 'e', 'f' ),
  factor2 = c( 'low', 'medium', 'high' ),
  factor.join = c( '32532532536', '304359867893753', '32534745876' ),
  numeric = c( 4, 5, 6 ),
  logical = c( FALSE, FALSE, FALSE )
)

fjoinf( df1, df2, by = 'factor.join' )
```

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 fldict

*Get Data Dictionary for Files in Folder*


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### Description

Get information about data files in a folder path. Use `dict()` on a single data frame or `getinfo(0)` to explore a single column. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Usage

```
fldict(
  folder = NULL,
  file.list = NULL,
  pattern = "[^~]+[.](xls[xmb]?|csv|rds|xml)",
  ignore.case = TRUE,
  recursive = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>folder</code>	File path of the folder to create a dictionary for. Pass either this or <code>file.list</code> . <code>file.list</code> will override this argument.
<code>file.list</code>	List of files to create a combined dictionary for. Pass either this or <code>folder</code> . This will override <code>folder</code> .
<code>pattern</code>	Pattern to match files in the folder. By default we use a pattern that matches read.any-compatible data files and skips temporary Office files. Passed to <code>list.files</code> .
<code>ignore.case</code>	Ignore case when checking pattern. Passed to <code>list.files</code> .
<code>recursive</code>	Check files recursively. Passed to <code>list.files</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Print helpful information.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to <code>read.any</code> for reading in files. Consider using a <code>first_column_name</code> vector, etc.

**Value**

List with the properties:

s	Summary data of each dataset.
l	Line data with a row for each column in each dataset.

**Examples**

```
folder = system.file('extdata', package = 'easyr')
fl = fldict(folder)
names(fl)

fl$sheets
fl$columns
```

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fmat	<i>Number Formatter</i>
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**Description**

Flexible number formatter for easier formatting from numbers and dates into characters for display.

**Usage**

```
fmat(
  x = NULL,
  type = c("auto", ",", "$", "%", ".", "mdy", "ymd", "date", "dollar", "dollars",
    "count", "percentage", "decimal"),
  do.return = c("formatted", "highcharter"),
  digits = NULL,
  with.unit = FALSE,
  do.date.sep = "/",
  do.remove.spaces = FALSE,
  digits.cutoff = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of values to convert. If retu
type	Type of format to return. If do.return == 'highcharter' this is not required.
do.return	Information to return. "formatted" returns a vector of formatted values.
digits	Number of digits for rounding. If left blank, the funtion will guess at the best digits.
with.unit	For large numbers, choose to add a suffix for fewer characters, like M for million, etc.

do.date.sep      Separator for date formatting.  
do.remove.spaces      Remove extra spaces in return.  
digits.cutoff      Amount at which to show 0 digits. Allows for flexibility of rounding.

**Value**

Information requested via do.return.

**Examples**

```
fmat( 1000, 'dollar', digits = 2 )
```

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getbetterint	<i>Get better Int</i>
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**Description**

Takes bucket names of binned values such as [1e3,2e3) or [0.1234567, 0.2) and formats the values nicely into values such as 1,000-2,000 or 0.12-0.20 Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
getbetterint(int)
```

**Arguments**

int      Vector of character bucket names to transform.

**Value**

Vector of transformed values.

**Examples**

```
iris$bin <- binbyvol( iris, 'Sepal.Width', 'Sepal.Length', 5 )  
getbetterint( iris$bin )
```

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`getinfo`*Get Info*

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**Description**

Get information about a Column in a Data Frame or Data Table. Use `getdatadict` to explore all columns in a dataset instead. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
getinfo(  
  df,  
  colname,  
  topn = 5,  
  botn = 5,  
  graph = TRUE,  
  ordered = TRUE,  
  display = TRUE,  
  cutoff = 20,  
  main = NULL,  
  cex = 0.9,  
  xcex = 0.9,  
  bins = 50,  
  col = "light blue"  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	Data Frame or Data Table.
<code>colname</code>	(Character) Name of the column to get information about.
<code>topn</code>	(Optional) Number of top values to print.
<code>botn</code>	(Optional) Number of bottom values to print.
<code>graph</code>	(Boolean Optional) Output a chart of the column.
<code>ordered</code>	(Optional)
<code>display</code>	(Optional)
<code>cutoff</code>	(Optional)
<code>main</code>	(Optional)
<code>cex</code>	(Optional)
<code>xcex</code>	(Optional)
<code>bins</code>	(Optional)
<code>col</code>	(Optional)

**Value**

Only if `display = FALSE`, returns information about the column. Otherwise information comes through the graphing pane and the console (via `cat/print`).

**Examples**

```
getinfo(iris, 'Sepal.Width')
getinfo(iris, 'Species')
```

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<code>gr</code>	<i>Golden Ratio</i>
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**Description**

Get the golden ratio. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
gr()
```

**Value**

The golden ratio:  $(1+\sqrt{5}) / 2$

**Examples**

```
gr()
```

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<code>hashfiles</code>	<i>Hash Files</i>
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**Description**

Get a hash value representing a list of files. Useful for determining if files have changed in order to reset dependent caches.

**Usage**

```
hashfiles(  
  x,  
  skip.missing = FALSE,  
  full.hash = FALSE,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  skiptemp = TRUE  
)
```



**Arguments**

x	Input which specifies which files to hash. This can be a vector mix of paths and files.
skip.missing	Skip missing files. Default is to throw an error if a file isn't found.
full.hash	By default we just hash the file info (name, size, created/modified time). Set this to TRUE to read the file and hash the contents.
verbose	Print helpful messages from code.
skiptemp	Skip temporary MS Office files like "~\$Simd Loss Eval 2018-06-30.xlsx"

**Value**

String representing hash of files.

**Examples**

```
folder = system.file('extdata', package = 'easyr')
hashfiles(folder)
```

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headers_row	<i>Identify headers row.</i>
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**Description**

Identify the row with headers in a data frame. It should NOT be used directly (that's why it isn't exported), but will be called by function [read.any] as necessary, with the applicable defaults set by that function.

**Usage**

```
headers_row(
  x,
  headers_on_row = NA,
  first_column_name = NA,
  field_name_map = NA
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data frame to work with.
headers_on_row	The specific row with headers on it.
first_column_name	A known column(s) that can be used to find the header row. This is more flexible, but only used if headers_on_row is not available. If multiple are possible, use a vector argument here.
field_name_map	field_name_map from read.any.

**Value**

List with `headers_already_column_names` (TRUE/FALSE); `headers_on_row` (1-indexed number of the to match standard R indexing).

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<code>ijoinf</code>	<i>Inner Join with Factors</i>
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**Description**

Matches factor levels before inner join via merge. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
ijoinf(
  data.left,
  data.right,
  by,
  sort.levels = TRUE,
  restrict.levels = FALSE,
  na_level = "(Missing)"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data.left</code>	Left data. Only rows that matche the join will be included (may still result in duplication).
<code>data.right</code>	Right data. Only rows that matche the join will be included (may also result in duplication).
<code>by</code>	Columns to join on.
<code>sort.levels</code>	Sort the factor levels after combining them.
<code>restrict.levels</code>	Often the joined data won't use all the levels in both datasets. Set to TRUE to remove factor levels that aren't in the joined data.
<code>na_level</code>	some functions don't like factors to have NAs so we replace NAs with this value for factors only. Set NULL to skip.

**Value**

Joined data, with any factors modified to contain all levels in the joined data.

**Examples**

```
df1 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ),
  factor2 = c( 'high', 'medium', 'low' ),
  factor.join = c( '0349038u093843', '304359867893753', '3409783509735' ),
  numeric = c( 1, 2, 3 ),
  logical = c( TRUE, TRUE, TRUE )
)

df2 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'd', 'e', 'f' ),
  factor2 = c( 'low', 'medium', 'high' ),
  factor.join = c( '32532532536', '304359867893753', '32534745876' ),
  numeric = c( 4, 5, 6 ),
  logical = c( FALSE, FALSE, FALSE )
)

ljoinf( df1, df2, by = 'factor.join' )
```

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ischar

*Shorthand for is.character*

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**Description**

Shorthand for is.character

**Usage**

```
ischar(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Value to check.

**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
ischar( 'a character' )
ischar(1)
```

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isdate	<i>Shorthand for lubridate::is.Date</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for lubridate::is.Date

**Usage**

```
isdate(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Value to check.

**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
isdate( lubridate::mdy( '10/1/2014' ) )  
isdate(1)
```

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isfac	<i>Shorthand for is.factor</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for is.factor

**Usage**

```
isfac(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Value to check.

**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
isfac( factor( c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ) ) )  
isfac(1)
```

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isnum	<i>Shorthand for is.numeric</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for is.numeric

**Usage**

```
isnum(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check.
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**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
isnum(1)
isnum( factor( c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ) ) )
```

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isval	<i>Is Valid / Is a Value / NA NULL Check</i>
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**Description**

Facilitates checking for missing values which may cause errors later in code. NULL values can cause errors on is.na checks, and is.na can cause warnings if it is inside if() and is passed multiple values. This function makes it easier to check for missing values before trying to operate on a variable. It will NOT check for strings like "" or "NA". Only NULL and NA values will return TRUE. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
isval(x, na_strings = easyr::nastrings, do.test.each = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object to check. In the case of a data frame or vector, it will check the first (non-NULL) value.
na_strings	(Optional) Set the strings you want to consider NA. These will be applied after stringr::str_trim on x.
do.test.each	Return a vector of results to check each element instead of checking the entire object.

**Value**

True/false indicating if the argument is NA, NULL, or an empty/NA string/vector. For speect, only the first value is checked.

**Examples**

```
isval( NULL )
isval( NA )
isval( c( NA , NULL ) )
isval( c( 1, 2, 3 ) )
isval( c( NA, 2, 3 ) )
isval( c( 1, 2, NA ) ) # only the first values is checked, so this will come back FALSE.
isval( c( NULL, 2, 3 ) ) # NULL values get skipped in a vector.
isval( data.frame() )
isval( dplyr::group_by( dplyr::select( cars, speed, dist ), speed ) ) # test a tibble.
isval( "#VALUE!" ) # test an excel error code.
```

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jrepl

*Join and Replace Values.*


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**Description**

Replace a columns values with matches in a different dataset. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
jrepl(
  x,
  y,
  by,
  replace.cols,
  na.only = FALSE,
  only.rows = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Main dataset which will have new values. This data set will be returned with new values.
y	Supporting dataset which has the id and new values.
by	Vector of join column names. A character vector if the names match. A named character vector if they don't.
replace.cols	Vector of replacement column names, similar format as by.
na.only	Only replace values that are NA.
only.rows	Select rows to be affected. Default checks all rows.
verbose	Print via cat information about the replacement.

**Value**

x with new values.

**Examples**

```
df1 = utils::head( sleep )
group.reassign = data.frame(
  id.num = factor( c( 1, 3, 4 ) ),
  group.replace = factor( c( 99, 99, 99 ) )
)

jrepl(
  x = df1,
  y = group.reassign,
  by = c( 'ID' = 'id.num' ),
  replace.cols = c( 'group' = 'group.replace' )
)

# doesn't affect since there are no NAs in group.
jrepl(
  x = df1,
  y = group.reassign,
  by = c( 'ID' = 'id.num' ),
  replace.cols = c( 'group' = 'group.replace' ),
  na.only = TRUE
)
```

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left

*left*

---

**Description**

Behaves like Excel's LEFT, RIGHT, and MID functions Author: Dave. Tech review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
left(string, char)
```

**Arguments**

string	String to process.
char	Number of characters.

**Examples**

```
left( "leftmidright", 4 )
```

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likedate	<i>Like Date</i>
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### Description

Check if a column can be converted to a date. Helpful for checking a column before actually converting it. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Dominic Dillingham.

### Usage

```
likedate(  
  x,  
  na_strings = easyr::nastrings,  
  run_unique = TRUE,  
  aggressive.extraction = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

x	Value or vector to check.
na_strings	Vector of characters to consider NA. Like Date will treat these values like NA.
run_unique	Convert to unique variables before checking. In some cases, this can make it take longer than necessary. In most, it will make it faster.
aggressive.extraction	todate will take dates inside long strings (like filenames) and convert them to dates. This seems to be the preferred outcome, so we leave it as default (TRUE). However, if you want to avoid this you can do so via this option (FALSE).

### Value

Boolean indicating if the entire vector can be converted to a date.

### Examples

```
x <- c('20171124', '2017/12/24', NA, '12/24/2017', 'March 3rd, 2015', 'Mar 3, 2016')  
likedate(x)  
likedate(c(123, 456, NA))  
if(likedate(x)) t <- todate(x)  
likedate(lubridate::mdy('1-1-2014'))  
likedate('3312019')  
likedate('2019.1.3')
```



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**ljoinf** *Left Join with Factors*

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**Description**

Matches factor levels before left join via merge. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
ljoinf(  
  data.left,  
  data.right,  
  by,  
  sort.levels = TRUE,  
  restrict.levels = FALSE,  
  na_level = "(Missing)"  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data.left</code>	Left data. All of this data will be preserved in the join (may still result in duplication).
<code>data.right</code>	Right data. Only rows that matche the join will be included (may also result in duplication).
<code>by</code>	Columns to join on.
<code>sort.levels</code>	Sort the factor levels after combining them.
<code>restrict.levels</code>	Often the joined data won't use all the levels in both datasets. Set to TRUE to remove factor levels that aren't in the joined data.
<code>na_level</code>	some functions don't like factors to have NAs so we replace NAs with this value for factors only. Set NULL to skip.

**Value**

Joined data, with any factors modified to contain all levels in the joined data.

**Examples**

```
df1 = data.frame(  
  factor1 = c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ),  
  factor2 = c( 'high', 'medium', 'low' ),  
  factor.join = c( '0349038u093843', '304359867893753', '3409783509735' ),  
  numeric = c( 1, 2, 3 ),  
  logical = c( TRUE, TRUE, TRUE )  
)
```

```
df2 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'd', 'e', 'f' ),
  factor2 = c( 'low', 'medium', 'high' ),
  factor.join = c( '32532532536', '304359867893753', '32534745876' ),
  numeric = c( 4, 5, 6 ),
  logical = c( FALSE, FALSE, FALSE )
)

ljoinf( df1, df2, by = 'factor.join' )
```

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match.factors

*Match Factors.*

---

### Description

Modifies two datasets so matching factor columns have the same levels. Typically this is used prior to joining or bind\_rows in the easyr functions bindf, ijoinf, ljoinf.

### Usage

```
match.factors(df1, df2, by = NA, sort.levels = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

df1	First data set.
df2	Second data set.
by	Columns to join on, comes from the function using match.factors (ljoinf, fjoinf, ijoinf).
sort.levels	Sort the factor levels after combining them.

### Value

List of the same data but with factors modified as applicable. All factors are checked if no 'by' argument is passed. Otherwise only the 'by' argument is checked.

### Examples

```
df1 = data.frame(
  factor1 = c( 'a', 'b', 'c' ),
  factor2 = c( 'high', 'medium', 'low' ),
  factor.join = c( '0349038u093843', '304359867893753', '3409783509735' ),
  numeric = c( 1, 2, 3 ),
  logical = c( TRUE, TRUE, TRUE )
)

df2 = data.frame(
```

```

factor1 = c( 'd', 'e', 'f' ),
factor2 = c( 'low', 'medium', 'high' ),
factor.join = c( '32532532536', '304359867893753', '32534745876' ),
numeric = c( 4, 5, 6 ),
logical = c( FALSE, FALSE, FALSE )
)

t = match.factors( df1, df2 )
levels( df1$factor1 )
levels( t[[1]]$factor1 )
levels( t[[2]]$factor1 )

```

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mdiff

*Date Difference in Months*


---

## Description

Date Difference in Months

## Usage

```
mdiff(x, y, do.date.convert = TRUE, do.numeric = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

**x** Vector of starting dates or items that can be converted to dates by todote.

**y** Vector of ending dates or items that can be converted to dates by todote.

**do.date.convert** Convert to dates before running the difference. If you know your columns are already dates, setting to FALSE will make your code run faster.

**do.numeric** Convert the output to a number instead of a date difference object.

## Value

Vector of differences.

## Examples

```
mdiff( lubridate::mdy( '1/1/2018' ), lubridate::mdy( '3/4/2018' ) )
```

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mid	<i>mid</i>
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**Description**

Behaves like Excel's LEFT, RIGHT, and MID functions Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
mid(string, start, nchars)
```

**Arguments**

string	String to process.
start	Index (1-index) to start at.
nchars	Number of characters to read in from start.

**Examples**

```
mid( "leftmidright", 5, 3 )
```

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na	<i>Shorthand for is.na</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for is.na

**Usage**

```
na(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check.
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**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
na(NA)  
na(1)
```

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namesx	<i>Names Like</i>
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**Description**

Get column names that match a pattern. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
namesx(df, char, fixed = TRUE, ignore.case = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

df	Object with names you'd like to search.
char	Regex character to match to columns.
fixed	Match as a string, not a regular expression.
ignore.case	Ignore case in matches.

**Value**

Vector of matched names.

**Examples**

```
namesx( iris, 'len' )
namesx( iris, 'Len' )
```

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nan	<i>Shorthand for is.nan</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for is.nan

**Usage**

```
nan(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check.
---	-----------------

**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
nan( NaN )
nan(1)
```

---

nanull *NA / NULL Check*

---

**Description**

Facilitates checking for missing values which may cause errors later in code. NULL values can cause errors on is.na checks, and is.na can cause warnings if it is inside if() and is passed multiple values. This function makes it easier to check for missing values before trying to operate on a variable. It will NOT check for strings like "" or "NA". Only NULL and NA values will return TRUE. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
nanull(x, na_strings = easyr::nastrings, do.test.each = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector to check. In the case of a data frame or vector, it will check the first (non-NULL) value.
na_strings	(Optional) Set the strings you want to consider NA. These will be applied after stringr::str_trim on x.
do.test.each	Return a vector of results to check each element instead of checking the entire object.

**Value**

True/false indicating if the argument is NA, NULL, or an empty/NA string/vector. For speed, only the first value is checked.

**Examples**

```
nanull( NULL )
nanull( NA )
nanull( c( NA , NULL ) )
nanull( c( 1, 2, 3 ) )
nanull( c( NA, 2, 3 ) )
nanull( c( 1, 2, NA ) ) # only the first values is checked, so this will come back FALSE.
nanull( c( NULL, 2, 3 ) ) # NULL values get skipped in a vector.
nanull( data.frame() )
nanull( dplyr::group_by( dplyr::select( cars, speed, dist ), speed ) ) # test a tibble.
```

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nastrings	<i>NA Strings</i>
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**Description**

A list of strings to consider NA. Includes blank string, "NA", excel errors, etc. Used throughout easyr for checking NA.

**Usage**

```
nastrings
```

**Format**

A vector of values.

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null	<i>Shorthand for is.null</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for is.null

**Usage**

```
null(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check.
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**Value**

logical indicator

**Examples**

```
null( NULL )  
null(1)
```

---

pad0 *Pad with Zeros*

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### Description

Adds leading zeros to a numeric vector to make each value a specific length. For values shorter than length passed, leading zeros are removed. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Usage

```
pad0(x, len)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector.
len	Number of characters you want in each value.

### Value

Character vector with padded values.

### Examples

```
pad0( c(123,00123,5), len = 5 )
pad0( c(123,00123,5), len = 2 )
pad0( '1234', 5 )
```

---

qdiff *Date Difference in Quarters*

---

### Description

Date Difference in Quarters

### Usage

```
qdiff(x, y, do.date.convert = TRUE, do.numeric = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector of starting dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.
y	Vector of ending dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.
do.date.convert	Convert to dates before running the difference. If you know your columns are already dates, setting to FALSE will make your code run faster.
do.numeric	Convert the output to a number instead of a date difference object.



**Value**

Vector of differences.

**Examples**

```
qdiff( lubridate::mdy( '1/1/2018' ), lubridate::mdy( '3/4/2018' ) )
```

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rany_fixColNames	<i>Fix column names.</i>
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**Description**

Code to fix column names, since this has to be done up to twice will reading in files. It should NOT be used directly (that's why it isn't exported), but will be called by function [read.any] as necessary, with the applicable defaults set by that function.

**Usage**

```
rany_fixColNames(col_names, fix.dup.column.names, nastrings)
```

**Arguments**

col_names	Vector/value of column names/name.
fix.dup.column.names	Adds 'DUPLICATE #' to duplicated column names to avoid errors with duplicate names.
nastrings	Characters/strings to read as NA.

**Value**

Fixed names.

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read.any	<i>Read Any File</i>
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**Description**

Flexible read function to handle many types of files. Currently handles CSV, TSV, DBF, RDS, XLS (incl. when formatted as HTML), and XLSX. Also handles common issues like strings being read in as factors (strings are NOT read in as factors by this function, you'd need to convert them later). Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Dominic Dillingham.

**Usage**

```
read.any(
  filename = NA,
  folder = NA,
  sheet = 1,
  file_type = "",
  first_column_name = NA,
  header = TRUE,
  headers_on_row = NA,
  nrows = -1L,
  row.names.column = NA,
  row.names.remove = TRUE,
  make.names = FALSE,
  field_name_map = NA,
  require_columns = NA,
  all_chars = FALSE,
  auto_convert_dates = TRUE,
  allow_times = FALSE,
  check_numbers = TRUE,
  nzero = FALSE,
  check_logical = TRUE,
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
  na_strings = easyr::nastrings,
  na_level = "(Missing)",
  ignore_rows_with_na_at = NA,
  drop.na.cols = TRUE,
  drop.na.rows = TRUE,
  fix.dup.column.names = TRUE,
  do.trim.sheetname = TRUE,
  x = NULL,
  isexcel = FALSE,
  encoding = "unknown",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

filename	File path and name for the file to be read in.
folder	Folder path to look for the file in.
sheet	The sheet to read in.
file_type	Specify the file type (CSV, TSV, DBF). If not provided, R will use the file extension to determine the file type. Useful when the file extension doesn't indicate the file type, like .rpt, etc.
first_column_name	Define headers location by providing the name of the left-most column. Alternatively, you can choose the row via the [headers_on_row] argument.
header	Choose if your file contains headers.

headers_on_row	Choose a specific row number to use as headers. Use this when you want to tell read.any exactly where the headers are.
nrows	Number of rows to read. Leave blank/NA to read all rows. This only speeds up file reads (CSV, XLSX, etc.), not compressed data that must be read all at once. This is applied BEFORE headers_on_row or first_column_name removes top rows, so it should be greater than those values if headers aren't in the first row.
row.names.column	Specify the column (by character name) to use for row names. This drops the columns and lets rows be referenced directly with this id. Must be unique values.
row.names.remove	If you move a column to row names, it is removed from the data by default. If you'd like to keep it, set this to FALSE.
make.names	Apply make.names function to make column names R-friendly (replaces non-characters with ., starting numbers with x, etc.)
field_name_map	Rename fields for consistency. Provide as a named vector where the names are the file's names and the vector values are the output names desired. See examples for how to create this input.
require_columns	List of required columns to check for. Calls stop() with helpful message if any aren't found.
all_chars	Keep all column types as characters. This makes using bind_rows easier, then you can use atype() later to set types.
auto_convert_dates	Identify date fields and automatically convert them to dates
allow_times	imes are not allowed in reading data in to facilitate easy binding. If you need times though, set this to TRUE.
check_numbers	Identify numbers formatted as characters and convert them as such.
nazero	Convert NAs in numeric columns to 0.
check_logical	Identify logical columns formatted as characters (Yes/No, etc) or numbers (0,1) and convert them as such.
stringsAsFactors	Convert characters to factors to increase processing speed and reduce file size.
na_strings	Strings to treat like NA. By default we use the easyr NA strings.
na_level	dplyr doesn't like factors to have NAs so we replace NAs with this value for factors only. Set NULL to skip.
ignore_rows_with_na_at	Vector or value, numeric or character, identifying column(s) that require a value. read.any will remove these rows after colname swaps and read, before type conversion. Especially helpful for removing things like page numbers at the bottom of an excel report that break type discovery. Suggest using the claim number column here.
drop.na.cols	Drop columns with only NA values.
drop.na.rows	Drop rows with only NA values.

<code>fix.dup.column.names</code>	Adds 'DUPLICATE #' to duplicated column names to avoid issues with multiple columns having the same name.
<code>do.trim.sheetname</code>	<code>read.any</code> will trim sheet names to get better matches. This will cause an error if the actual sheet name has spaces on the left or right side. Disable this functionality here.
<code>x</code>	If you want to use <code>read.any</code> functionality on an existing data frame, pass it with this argument.
<code>isexcel</code>	If you want to use <code>read.any</code> functionality on an existing data frame, you can tell <code>read.any</code> that this data came from excel using <code>isexcel</code> manually. This comes in handy when excel-integer date conversions are necessary.
<code>encoding</code>	Encoding passed to <code>fread</code> and <code>read.csv</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Print helpful information via <code>cat</code> .

**Value**

Data frame with the data that was read.

**Examples**

```
folder = system.file('extdata', package = 'easyr')
read.any('date-time.csv', folder = folder)

# if dates are being converted incorrectly, disable date conversion:
read.any('date-time.csv', folder = folder, auto_convert_dates = FALSE)

# to handle type conversions manually:
read.any('date-time.csv', folder = folder, all_chars = TRUE)
```

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<code>read.txt</code>	<i>Read File as Text</i>
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**Description**

Read File as Text

**Usage**

```
read.txt(filename, folder = NA)
```

**Arguments**

<code>filename</code>	File path and name for the file to be read in.
<code>folder</code>	Folder path to look for the file in.

**Value**

Character variable containing the text in the file.

**Examples**

```
# write a files.
path = tempfile()
cat( "some text", file = path )

# read the file.
read.txt( path )

# cleanum.
file.remove( path )
```

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*right*

*right*

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**Description**

Behaves like Excel's LEFT, RIGHT, and MID functions Author: Dave. Tech review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
right(string, char)
```

**Arguments**

string	String to process.
char	Number of characters.

**Examples**

```
right( "leftmidright",5 )
```

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`runfolder`*Run Folder*

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## Description

Run all the R scripts in a folder. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

## Usage

```
runfolder(  
  path,  
  recursive = FALSE,  
  is.local = TRUE,  
  check.fn = NULL,  
  run.files = NULL,  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  edit.on.err = TRUE,  
  pattern = "[.][Rr]$" )
```

## Arguments

<code>path</code>	Folder to run.
<code>recursive</code>	Run all folder children also.
<code>is.local</code>	Code is running on a local machine, not a Shiny server. Helpful for skipping items that can be problematic on the server. In this case, printing to the log.
<code>check.fn</code>	Function to run after each file is read-in.
<code>run.files</code>	Optionally pass the list of files to run. Otherwise, <code>list.files</code> will be run on the folder.
<code>verbose</code>	Print names of files and run-time via <code>cat</code> .
<code>edit.on.err</code>	Open the running file if an error occurs.
<code>pattern</code>	Passed to <code>list.files</code> . Pattern to match/filter files.

## Examples

```
# runfolder( 'R' )
```

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rx	<i>Read Excel</i>
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### Description

This gets a bit complex since many errors can occur when reading in excel files. We've done our best to handle common ones. Requires packages: openxlsx, readxl, XML (these are required by easyr). It should NOT be used directly (that's why it isn't exported), but will be called by function [read.any] as necessary, with the applicable defaults set by that function.

### Usage

```
rx(filename, sheet, first_column_name, nrows, verbose)
```

### Arguments

filename	File path and name for the file to be read in.
sheet	The sheet to read in.
first_column_name	Pass a column name to help the function find the header row.
nrows	Number of rows to read in.
verbose	Print helpful messages via cat().

### Value

Data object

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save.cache	<i>Save Cache Saves the arguments to a cache file, using the cache.num last checked with cache.ok.</i>
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### Description

Save Cache  
Saves the arguments to a cache file, using the cache.num last checked with cache.ok.

### Usage

```
save.cache(...)
```

### Arguments

...	Objects to save.
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**Examples**

```

# check the first cache to see if it exists and dependent files haven't changed.
# if this check is TRUE, code in brackets will get skipped and the cache will be loaded instead.
# set do.load = FALSE if you have multiple files that build a cache,
#   to prevent multiple cache loads.
# output will be printed to the console to tell you if the cache was loaded or re-built.
## Not run:
  if( ! cache.ok(1) ){

    # do stuff

    # if this is the final file for this cache,
    #   end with save.cache to save passed objects as a cache.
    save.cache(iris)

  }

# delete the cache folder to close out the example.
system( "rm -r cache" )

## End(Not run)

```

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sch

*Search a Data Frame.*


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**Description**

Searches all columns for a term and returns all rows with at least one match. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```

sch(
  x,
  pattern,
  ignore.case = FALSE,
  fixed = FALSE,
  pluscols = NULL,
  exact = FALSE,
  trim = TRUE,
  spln = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

x	Data to search.
pattern	Regex patter to search. Most normal search terms will work fine, too.



<code>ignore.case</code>	Ignore case in search (uses <code>grepl</code> ).
<code>fixed</code>	Passed to <code>grepl</code> to match string as-is instead of using <code>regex</code> . See <code>?grepl</code> .
<code>pluscols</code>	choose columns to return in addition to those where matches are found. Can be a name, number or 'all' to bring back all columns.
<code>exact</code>	Find exact matches instead of pattern matching.
<code>trim</code>	Use <code>trimws</code> to trim columns before exact matching.
<code>spln</code>	Sample data use <code>easyr::spl()</code> before searching. This will speed up searching in large datasets when you only need to identify columns, not all data that matches. See <code>?spl n</code> argument for more info.

**Value**

Matching rows.

**Examples**

```
sch( iris, 'seto' )
sch( iris, 'seto', pluscols='all' )
sch( iris, 'seto', pluscols='Sepal.Width' )
sch( iris, 'seto', exact = TRUE ) # message no matches and return NULL
```

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spl

*Sample*

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**Description**

Extracts a uniform random sample from a dataset or vector. Provides a simpler API than base R.  
 Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech Review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
spl(x, n = 10, warn = TRUE, replace = FALSE, seed = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Data to sample from.
<code>n</code>	Number or percentage of rows/values to return. If less than 1 it will be interpreted as a percentage.
<code>warn</code>	Warn if sampling more than the size of the data.
<code>replace</code>	Whether or not to sample with replacement.
<code>seed</code>	Set a seed to allow consistent/replicable sampling.
<code>...</code>	Other parameters passed to <code>sample()</code>

**Value**

Sample dataframe/vector.

**Examples**

```
spl( c(1:100) )
spl( c(1:100), n = 50 )
spl( iris )
```

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states	<i>states</i>
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**Description**

Helpful info for states. Right now, just a mapping of abbreviations to names.

**Usage**

```
states
```

**Format**

Data frame.

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strx	<i>Structure with Like</i>
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**Description**

Runs str function but only for names matching a character value (regex). Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
strx(df, char, ignore.case = T)
```

**Arguments**

df	Object with names you'd like to search.
char	Regex (character value) to match.
ignore.case	(Optional) Ignore case when matching.

**Examples**

```
strx(iris, 'length')
```

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sumnum	<i>Summarize All Numeric Columns</i>
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## Description

Easily summarize all numeric variables. Helpful for flexibly summarizing without knowing the columns. Defaults to sum but you can send a custom function through also. Typically pass in a data frame after `group_by`.

## Usage

```
sumnum(x, do.fun = NULL, except = c(), do.ungroup = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Grouped tibble to summarize.
<code>do.fun</code>	Function to use for the summary. Passed to <code>dplyr::summarize()</code> . Can be a custom function. Defaults to <code>sum()</code> .
<code>except</code>	Columns names, numbers, or a logical vector indicating columns NOT to summarize.
<code>do.ungroup</code>	Run <code>dplyr::ungroup()</code> after summarizing to prevent future issues with grouping.
<code>...</code>	Extra args passed to <code>dplyr::summarize()</code> which are applied as arguments to the function passed in <code>do.fun</code> .

## Value

Summarized data frame or tibble.

## Examples

```
require(dplyr)
require(easyr)

sumnum( group_by( cars, speed ) )
sumnum( group_by( cars, speed ), mean )
sumnum( cars )
```

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`tcmmsg`*tryCatch with Message*

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**Description**

Easy Try/Catch implementation to return the same message on error or warning. Makes it easier to write tryCatches. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Lindsay Smelzter.

**Usage**

```
tcmmsg(code_block, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>code_block</code>	Code to run in Try Catch.
<code>...</code>	Strings to concatenate to form the message that is returned.

**Examples**

```
tryCatch({
  tcmmsg({ NULL = 1 }, 'Cannot assign to NULL','variable' )
},
error = function(e) print( e )
)

tryCatch({
  tcmmsg({ as.numeric('abc') },'Issue in as.numeric()')
},
warning = function(e) print( e )
)
```

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`tcol`*Transpose at Column.*

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**Description**

Transpose operation that sets column names equal to a column in the original data. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

```
tcol(x, header, cols.colname = "col", do.atype = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Data frame to be transposed.
header	Column name/number to be used as column names of transposed data.
cols.colname	Name to use for the column of column names in the transposed data.
do.atype	Transpose convertes to strings, since data types are uncertain. Run atype to automatically correct variable typing where possible. This will slow the result a bit.

**Value**

Transposed data frame.

**Examples**

```
# create a summary dataset from iris.
x = dplyr::summarize_at(
  dplyr::group_by( iris, Species ),
  dplyr::vars( Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width ), list(sum)
)
# run tcol
tcol( x, 'Species' )
```

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 tcwarn

*tryCatch with warning*


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**Description**

Easy Try/Catch implementation to return the same message as a warning on error or warning. Makes it easier to write tryCatches. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Lindsay Smelzter.

**Usage**

```
tcwarn(code_block, ...)
```

**Arguments**

code_block	Code to run in Try Catch.
...	Strings to concatenate to form the message that is returned.

**Examples**

```
tryCatch({
  tcwarn({ NULL = 1 }, 'Cannot assign to NULL', 'variable')
},
warning = function(e) print( e )
)
```

```
tryCatch({
  tcwarn({ as.numeric('abc') }, 'Issue in as.numeric()')
},
warning = function(e) print( e )
)
```

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tobool	<i>Convert to Logical/Boolean</i>
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## Description

Flexible boolean conversion. Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

## Usage

```
tobool(
  x,
  preprocessed.values = NULL,
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,
  ifna = c("return-unchanged", "error", "warning", "return-na"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  true.vals = c("true", "1", "t", "yes"),
  false.vals = c("false", "0", "f", "no")
)
```

## Arguments

x	Value or vector to be converted.
preprocessed.values	Strings need to have NAs set, lowercase and be trimmed before they can be checked. To avoid doing this multiple times, you can pass these processed values to the function.
nastrings	Vector of characters to be considered NAs. todate will treat these like NAs. Defaults to the easyr::nastrings list.
ifna	Action to take if NAs are created. 'return-unchanged' returns the sent vector unchanged; 'warning' results in a warning and returns the converted vector with new NAs; 'error' results in an error.
verbose	Choose to view messaging.
true.vals	Values to consider as TRUE.
false.vals	Values to consider as FALSE.

## Value

Converted logical vector.

## Examples

```
tobool( c( 'true', 'FALSE', 0, 1, NA, 'yes', 'NO' ) )
```

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tochar	<i>Shorthand for as.character</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for as.character

**Usage**

```
tochar(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Value to check.
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**Value**

as.character result

**Examples**

```
tochar(NA)
tochar(1)
```

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todate	<i>Convert to Date</i>
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**Description**

Flexible date conversion function using lubridate. Works with dates in many formats, without needing to know the format in advance. Only use this if you don't know the format of the dates before hand. Otherwise, lubridate functions parse\_date\_time, mdy, etc. should be used. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Dominic Dillingham.

**Usage**

```
todate(  
  x,  
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,  
  aggressive.extraction = TRUE,  
  preprocessed.values = NULL,  
  ifna = c("return-unchanged", "error", "warning", "return-na"),  
  verbose = TRUE,  
  allow_times = FALSE,  
  do.month.char = TRUE,  
  do.excel = TRUE,
```

```

min.acceptable = lubridate::ymd("1920-01-01"),
max.acceptable = lubridate::ymd("2050-01-01")
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Value or vector to be converted.
<code>nastrings</code>	Vector of characters to be considered NAs. <code>todate</code> will treat these like NAs. Defaults to the <code>easyr::nastrings</code> list.
<code>aggressive.extraction</code>	<code>todate</code> will take dates inside long strings (like filenames) and convert them to dates. This seems to be the preferred outcome, so we leave it as default (TRUE). However, if you want to avoid this you can do so via this option (FALSE).
<code>preprocessed.values</code>	Strings need to have NAs set, lowercase and be trimmed before they can be checked. To avoid doing this multiple times, you can pass these processed values to the function.
<code>ifna</code>	Action to take if NAs are created. 'return-unchanged' returns the sent vector unchanged; 'warning' results in a warning and returns the converted vector with new NAs; 'error' results in an error; 'return-na' returns new NAs without a warning.
<code>verbose</code>	Choose to view messaging.
<code>allow_times</code>	Set to TRUE to allow DateTimes as output, otherwise this will always convert to Dates (losing time information). This is better for binding data, hence the default FALSE.
<code>do.month.char</code>	Attempt to convert month names in text. <code>lubridate</code> does this by default, but sometimes it can result in inaccurate dates. For example, "Feb 2017" is converted to 2-20-2017 even though no day was given.
<code>do.excel</code>	Check for excel-formatted numbers.
<code>min.acceptable</code>	Set NA if converted value is less than this value. Helps to prevent numbers from being assumed as dates. Set NULL to skip this check. Does not affect character conversions.
<code>max.acceptable</code>	Set NA if converted value is greater than this value. Helps to prevent numbers from being assumed as dates. Set NULL to skip this check. Does not affect character conversions.

### Value

Converted vector using `lubridate::parse_date_time(x,c('mdy','ymd','dmy'))`

### Examples

```

x <- c( '20171124', '2017/12/24', NA, '12/24/2017', '5/11/2017 1:51PM' )
x2 <- todate(x)
x2

```



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tonum	<i>Convert to Number</i>
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### Description

Flexible number conversion for converting strings to numbers. Handles \$, ' and spaces. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Dominic Dillingham.

### Usage

```
tonum(
  x,
  preprocessed.values = NULL,
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,
  ifna = c("return-unchanged", "error", "warning", "return-na"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  nazero = FALSE,
  checkdate = TRUE,
  remove.chars = FALSE,
  do.logical = TRUE,
  do.try.integer = TRUE,
  multipliers = c(` = 1/100, K = 1000, M = 1000^2, B = 1000^3)
)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector to convert.
preprocessed.values	Strings need to have NAs set, lowercase and be trimmed before they can be checked. To avoid doing this multiple times, you can pass these processed values to the function.
nastrings	Vector of characters to be considered NAs. todate will treat these like NAs. Defaults to the easyr::nastrings list.
ifna	Action to take if NAs are created. 'return-unchanged' returns the sent vector unchanged; 'warning' results in a warning and returns the converted vector with new NAs; 'error' results in an error; return-na returns data with new NAs and prints via cat if verbose.
verbose	Choose to view messaging.
nazero	(Optional) Convert NAs to 0. Defaults to TRUE, if FALSE NAs will stay NA.
checkdate	Check if the column is a date first. If this has already been done, set this to FALSE so it doesn't run again.
remove.chars	Remove characters for aggressive conversion to numbers.
do.logical	Check for logical-form vectors.
do.try.integer	Return an integer if possible. Integers are a more compact data type and should be used whenever possible.

`multipliers`      Named vector of factor symbols and values to check. Setting to NULL may speed up operations.

### Value

Converted vector.

### Examples

```
tonum( c('123', '$50.02', '30%', '(300.01)', NA, '-', '') )
tonum( c('123', '$50.02', '30%', '(300.01)', NA, '-', ''), nzero = FALSE )
tonum( c( '$(3,891)M', '4B', '3.41K', '30', '40K' ) )
```

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usepkg

*Use Package*

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### Description

Installs a package if it needs to be installed, and calls `require` to load the package. Author: Scott Sobel. Tech Review: Bryce Chamberlain.

### Usage

```
usepkg(packages, noCache = FALSE, repos = "http://cran.us.r-project.org")
```

### Arguments

`packages`      Character or character vector with names of the packages you want to use.

`noCache`        When checking packages, you can choose to ignore the cached list, which will increase accuracy but decrease speed.

`repos`          choose the URL to install from.

### Examples

```
# packages shouldn't be installed during tests or examples according to CRAN.
# therefore, examples cannot be provided because CRAN now runs donttest examples.
```

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validate.equal	<i>Validate Equal</i>
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## Description

Check various properties of 2 data frames to ensure they are equivalent.

## Usage

```
validate.equal(
  df1,
  df2,
  id.column = NULL,
  regex.remove = "[^A-z0-9.+\\/, -]",
  do.set.NA = TRUE,
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,
  match.round.to.digits = 4,
  do.all.columns.before.err = FALSE,
  check.column.order = FALSE,
  sort.by.id = TRUE,
  acceptable.pct.rows.diff = 0,
  acceptable.pct.vals.diff = 0,
  return.summary = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

df1	First data frame to compare.
df2	Second data frame to compare.
id.column	If available, a column to use as an ID. Helpful in various checks and output.
regex.remove	Pattern to remove from strings. Used in gsub to remove characters we don't want to consider when comparing values. Set to NULL, NA, or "" to leave strings unchanged.
do.set.NA	Remove NA strings.
nastrings	Strings to consider NA.
match.round.to.digits	Round numbers to these digits before checking equality.
do.all.columns.before.err	Check all columns before returning an error. Takes longer but returns more detail. If FALSE, stops at first column that doesn't match and returns mismatches.
check.column.order	Enforce same column order.
sort.by.id	Sort by the id column before making comparisons.

`acceptable.pct.rows.diff`  
 If you are OK with differences in a few rows, set this value. If fewer rows in a column don't match, the function will consider the columns equivalent. Interpreted as a percentage (it gets divided by 100).

`acceptable.pct.vals.diff`  
 If you are OK with small differences in values, set this value. If the difference in numeric values is less, the function will consider the values equivalent. Interpreted as a percentage (it gets divided by 100) and compared to absolute value of percentage difference.

`return.summary` Return 2 items in a list, the row mismatches and a summary of row mismatches.

`verbose` Print helpful information via `cat()`.

**Value**

May return information about mismatches. Otherwise doesn't return anything (NULL).

**Examples**

```
validate.equal( iris, iris )
```

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 w

*Write*


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**Description**

Improved write function. Writes to csv without row names and automatically adds `.csv` to the file name if it isn't there already. Changes to `.csv` if another extension is passed. Easier to type than `write.csv(row.names=F)`. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Maria Gonzalez.

**Usage**

```
w(x, filename = "out", row.names = FALSE, na = "")
```

**Arguments**

`x` Data frame to write to file.

`filename` (Optional) Filename to use.

`row.names` (Optional) Specify if you want to include row names/numbers in the output file.

`na` (Optional) String to print for NAs. Defaults to an empty/blank string.

**Examples**

```
# write the cars dataset.
path = paste0( tempdir(), '/out.csv' )
w( cars, path )

# cleanup.
file.remove( path )
```

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xldate *Convert Excel Number to Date*

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### Description

Converts dates formatted as long integers from Excel to Date format in R, accounting for known Excel leap year errors. Author: Bryce Chamberlain. Tech review: Dominic Dillingham.

### Usage

```
xldate(
  x,
  origin = "1899-12-30",
  nastrings = easyr::nastrings,
  preprocessed.values = NULL,
  ifna = c("return-unchanged", "error", "warning", "return-na"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  allow_times = FALSE,
  do.month.char = TRUE,
  min.acceptable = lubridate::ymd("1920-01-01"),
  max.acceptable = lubridate::ymd("2050-01-01")
)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector of values.
origin	Zero value to use in date conversion. Older version of excel might use a different value.
nastrings	Vector of characters to be considered NAs. todate will treat these like NAs. Defaults to the easyr::nastrings list.
preprocessed.values	Strings need to have NAs set, lowercase and be trimmed before they can be checked. To avoid doing this twice, you can tell the function that it has already been done.
ifna	Action to take if NAs are created. 'return-unchanged' returns the sent vector unchanged; 'warning' results in a warning and returns the converted vector with new NAs; 'error' results in an error.
verbose	Choose to view messaging.
allow_times	Return values with time, not just the date.
do.month.char	Convert month character names like Feb, March, etc.
min.acceptable	Set NA if converted value is less than this value. Helps to prevent numbers from being assumed as dates. Set NULL to skip this check.
max.acceptable	Set NA if converted value is greater than this value. Helps to prevent numbers from being assumed as dates. Set NULL to skip this check.

**Value**

Vector of converted values.

**Examples**

```
xldate( c('7597', '42769', '47545', NA ) )
```

---

ydiff

*Date Difference in Years*

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**Description**

Date Difference in Years

**Usage**

```
ydiff(x, y, do.date.convert = TRUE, do.numeric = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

**x** Vector of starting dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.

**y** Vector of ending dates or items that can be converted to dates by todate.

**do.date.convert** Convert to dates before running the difference. If you know your columns are already dates, setting to FALSE will make your code run faster.

**do.numeric** Convert the output to a number instead of a date difference object.

**Value**

Vector of differences.

**Examples**

```
ydiff( lubridate::mdy( '1/1/2018' ), lubridate::mdy( '3/4/2018' ) )
```

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%ni%

*Not-In*

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**Description**

Opposite of Author: Bryce Chamberlain.

**Usage**

needle %ni% haystack

**Arguments**

needle           Vector to search for.  
haystack        Vector to search in.

**Value**

Boolean vector/value of comparisons.

**Examples**

```
c(1,3,11) %ni% 1:10
```

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