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hierarchy (nesting and 'unnesting') of a dataset, turning deeply
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extracting values out of string columns. It also includes tools for
working with missing values (both implicit and explicit).

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billboard   *Song rankings for Billboard top 100 in the year 2000*

Description

Song rankings for Billboard top 100 in the year 2000

Usage

```
billboard
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

artist Artist name

track Song name

date.enter Date the song entered the top 100

wk1 – wk76 Rank of the song in each week after it entered

Source

The "Whitburn" project, `https://waxy.org/2008/05/the_whitburn_project/`, (downloaded April 2008)

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chop   *Chop and unchop*

Description

Chopping and unchopping preserve the width of a data frame, changing its length. chop() makes df shorter by converting rows within each group into list-columns. unchop() makes df longer by expanding list-columns so that each element of the list-column gets its own row in the output. chop() and unchop() are building blocks for more complicated functions (like unnest(), unnest_longer(), and unnest_wider()) and are generally more suitable for programming than interactive data analysis.

Usage

```
chop(data, cols, ..., error_call = current_env())

unchop(
  data,
  cols,
  ...,
  keep_empty = FALSE,
  ptype = NULL,
  error_call = current_env()
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
cols	<tidy-select> Columns to chop or unchop. For unchop(), each column should be a list-column containing generalised vectors (e.g. any mix of NULLs, atomic vector, S3 vectors, a lists, or data frames).
...	These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
error_call	The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. caller_env(). The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the call argument of abort() for more information.
keep_empty	By default, you get one row of output for each element of the list that you are unchopping/unnesting. This means that if there's a size-0 element (like NULL or an empty data frame or vector), then that entire row will be dropped from the output. If you want to preserve all rows, use keep_empty = TRUE to replace size-0 elements with a single row of missing values.
ptype	Optionally, a named list of column name-prototype pairs to coerce cols to, overriding the default that will be guessed from combining the individual values. Alternatively, a single empty ptype can be supplied, which will be applied to all cols.

Details

Generally, unchopping is more useful than chopping because it simplifies a complex data structure, and nest()ing is usually more appropriate than chop()ing since it better preserves the connections between observations.

chop() creates list-columns of class vctrs::list_of() to ensure consistent behaviour when the chopped data frame is emptied. For instance this helps getting back the original column types after the roundtrip chop and unchop. Because <list_of> keeps tracks of the type of its elements, unchop() is able to reconstitute the correct vector type even for empty list-columns.

Examples

```
# Chop ----------------------------------------------------------------
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3), y = 1:6, z = 6:1)
# Note that we get one row of output for each unique combination of
```

```
# non-chopped variables
df %>% chop(c(y, z))
# cf nest
df %>% nest(data = c(y, z))

# Unchop ------------------------------------------------------------------
df <- tibble(x = 1:4, y = list(integer(), 1L, 1:2, 1:3))
df %>% unchop(y)
df %>% unchop(y, keep_empty = TRUE)

# unchop will error if the types are not compatible:
df <- tibble(x = 1:2, y = list("1", 1:3))
try(df %>% unchop(y))

# Unchopping a list-col of data frames must generate a df-col because
# unchop leaves the column names unchanged
df <- tibble(x = 1:3, y = list(NULL, tibble(x = 1), tibble(y = 1:2)))
df %>% unchop(y)
df %>% unchop(y, keep_empty = TRUE)
```

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cms_patient_experience

Data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Description

Two datasets from public data provided the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, https://data.cms.gov.

- cms_patient_experience contains some lightly cleaned data from "Hospice - Provider Data", which provides a list of hospice agencies along with some data on quality of patient care, https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/252m-zfp9.

- cms_patient_care "Doctors and Clinicians Quality Payment Program PY 2020 Virtual Group Public Reporting", https://data.cms.gov/provider-data/dataset/8c70-d353

Usage

```
cms_patient_experience

cms_patient_care
```

Format

cms_patient_experience is a data frame with 500 observations and five variables:

org_pac_id,org_nm Organisation ID and name

measure_cd,measure_title Measure code and title

prf_rate Measure performance rate

cms_patient_care is a data frame with 252 observations and five variables:

ccn,facility_name Facility ID and name

measure_abbr Abbreviated measurement title, suitable for use as variable name

score Measure score

type Whether score refers to the rating out of 100 ("observed"), or the maximum possible value of
the raw score ("denominator")

Examples

```
cms_patient_experience %>%
  dplyr::distinct(measure_cd, measure_title)

cms_patient_experience %>%
  pivot_wider(
    id_cols = starts_with("org"),
    names_from = measure_cd,
    values_from = prf_rate
 )

cms_patient_care %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = type,
    values_from = score
  )

cms_patient_care %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = measure_abbr,
    values_from = score
  )

cms_patient_care %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = c(measure_abbr, type),
    values_from = score
  )
```

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complete   *Complete a data frame with missing combinations of data*

Description

Turns implicit missing values into explicit missing values. This is a wrapper around expand(),
dplyr::full_join() and replace_na() that's useful for completing missing combinations of
data.

Usage

```
complete(data, ..., fill = list(), explicit = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	<data-masking> Specification of columns to expand or complete. Columns can be atomic vectors or lists.

- To find all unique combinations of x, y and z, including those not present in the data, supply each variable as a separate argument: expand(df, x, y, z) or complete(df, x, y, z).
- To find only the combinations that occur in the data, use nesting: expand(df, nesting(x, y, z)).
- You can combine the two forms. For example, expand(df, nesting(school_id, student_id), date) would produce a row for each present school-student combination for all possible dates.

When used with factors, expand() and complete() use the full set of levels, not just those that appear in the data. If you want to use only the values seen in the data, use forcats::fct_drop().

When used with continuous variables, you may need to fill in values that do not appear in the data: to do so use expressions like year = 2010:2020 or year = full_seq(year,1).

fill	A named list that for each variable supplies a single value to use instead of NA for missing combinations.
explicit	Should both implicit (newly created) and explicit (pre-existing) missing values be filled by fill? By default, this is TRUE, but if set to FALSE this will limit the fill to only implicit missing values.

Grouped data frames

With grouped data frames created by dplyr::group_by(), complete() operates *within* each group. Because of this, you cannot complete a grouping column.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(
  group = c(1:2, 1, 2),
  item_id = c(1:2, 2, 3),
  item_name = c("a", "a", "b", "b"),
  value1 = c(1, NA, 3, 4),
  value2 = 4:7
)
df

# Combinations --------------------------------------------------
# Generate all possible combinations of `group`, `item_id`, and `item_name`
# (whether or not they appear in the data)
df %>% complete(group, item_id, item_name)

# Cross all possible `group` values with the unique pairs of
# `(item_id, item_name)` that already exist in the data
df %>% complete(group, nesting(item_id, item_name))
```

```
# Within each `group`, generate all possible combinations of
# `item_id` and `item_name` that occur in that group
df %>%
  dplyr::group_by(group) %>%
  complete(item_id, item_name)

# Supplying values for new rows -------------------------------------------
# Use `fill` to replace NAs with some value. By default, affects both new
# (implicit) and pre-existing (explicit) missing values.
df %>%
  complete(
    group,
    nesting(item_id, item_name),
    fill = list(value1 = 0, value2 = 99)
  )

# Limit the fill to only the newly created (i.e. previously implicit)
# missing values with `explicit = FALSE`
df %>%
  complete(
    group,
    nesting(item_id, item_name),
    fill = list(value1 = 0, value2 = 99),
    explicit = FALSE
  )
```

construction	*Completed construction in the US in 2018*

Description

Completed construction in the US in 2018

Usage

```
construction
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

Year,Month Record date

`1 unit`, `2 to 4 units`, `5 units or mote` Number of completed units of each size

Northeast,Midwest,South,West Number of completed units in each region

Source

Completions of "New Residential Construction" found in Table 5 at https://www.census.gov/construction/nrc/xls/newresconst.xls (downloaded March 2019)

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drop_na   *Drop rows containing missing values*

Description

drop_na() drops rows where any column specified by ... contains a missing value.

Usage

```
drop_na(data, ...)
```

Arguments

data   A data frame.

...   <tidy-select> Columns to inspect for missing values. If empty, all columns
              are used.

Details

Another way to interpret drop_na() is that it only keeps the "complete" rows (where no rows contain missing values). Internally, this completeness is computed through vctrs::vec_detect_complete().

Examples

```
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 2, NA), y = c("a", NA, "b"))
df %>% drop_na()
df %>% drop_na(x)

vars <- "y"
df %>% drop_na(x, any_of(vars))
```

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expand   *Expand data frame to include all possible combinations of values*

Description

expand() generates all combination of variables found in a dataset. It is paired with nesting() and crossing() helpers. crossing() is a wrapper around expand_grid() that de-duplicates and sorts its inputs; nesting() is a helper that only finds combinations already present in the data.

expand() is often useful in conjunction with joins:

- use it with right_join() to convert implicit missing values to explicit missing values (e.g., fill in gaps in your data frame).
- use it with anti_join() to figure out which combinations are missing (e.g., identify gaps in your data frame).

Usage

```
expand(data, ..., .name_repair = "check_unique")

crossing(..., .name_repair = "check_unique")

nesting(..., .name_repair = "check_unique")
```

Arguments

data   A data frame.

...   <data-masking> Specification of columns to expand or complete. Columns
                can be atomic vectors or lists.

                • To find all unique combinations of x, y and z, including those not present in
                  the data, supply each variable as a separate argument: expand(df, x, y,
                  z) or complete(df, x, y, z).
                • To find only the combinations that occur in the data, use nesting: expand(df,
                  nesting(x, y, z)).
                • You can combine the two forms. For example, expand(df, nesting(school_id,
                  student_id), date) would produce a row for each present school-student
                  combination for all possible dates.

                When used with factors, [expand()](expand) and [complete()](complete) use the full set of levels,
                not just those that appear in the data. If you want to use only the values seen in
                the data, use forcats::fct_drop().

                When used with continuous variables, you may need to fill in values that do not
                appear in the data: to do so use expressions like year = 2010:2020 or year =
                full_seq(year,1).

.name_repair   Treatment of problematic column names:

                • "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
                • "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty,
                • "check_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique,
                • "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic
                • a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., .name_repair = make.names
                  for names in the style of base R).
                • A purrr-style anonymous function, see [rlang::as_function()](rlang::as_function)

                This argument is passed on as repair to [vctrs::vec_as_names()](vctrs::vec_as_names). See there
                for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

Grouped data frames

With grouped data frames created by [dplyr::group_by()](dplyr::group_by), expand() operates *within* each group.
Because of this, you cannot expand on a grouping column.

See Also

[complete()](complete) to expand list objects. [expand_grid()](expand_grid) to input vectors rather than a data frame.

Examples

```
# Finding combinations ------------------------------------------------------
fruits <- tibble(
  type   = c("apple", "orange", "apple", "orange", "orange", "orange"),
  year   = c(2010, 2010, 2012, 2010, 2011, 2012),
  size   = factor(
    c("XS", "S", "M", "S", "S", "M"),
    levels = c("XS", "S", "M", "L")
  ),
  weights = rnorm(6, as.numeric(size) + 2)
)

# All combinations, including factor levels that are not used
fruits %>% expand(type)
fruits %>% expand(size)
fruits %>% expand(type, size)
fruits %>% expand(type, size, year)

# Only combinations that already appear in the data
fruits %>% expand(nesting(type))
fruits %>% expand(nesting(size))
fruits %>% expand(nesting(type, size))
fruits %>% expand(nesting(type, size, year))

# Other uses ----------------------------------------------------------------
# Use with `full_seq()` to fill in values of continuous variables
fruits %>% expand(type, size, full_seq(year, 1))
fruits %>% expand(type, size, 2010:2013)

# Use `anti_join()` to determine which observations are missing
all <- fruits %>% expand(type, size, year)
all
all %>% dplyr::anti_join(fruits)

# Use with `right_join()` to fill in missing rows (like `complete()`)
fruits %>% dplyr::right_join(all)

# Use with `group_by()` to expand within each group
fruits %>%
  dplyr::group_by(type) %>%
  expand(year, size)
```

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expand_grid   *Create a tibble from all combinations of inputs*

Description

expand_grid() is heavily motivated by expand.grid(). Compared to expand.grid(), it:

- Produces sorted output (by varying the first column the slowest, rather than the fastest).

- Returns a tibble, not a data frame.

- Never converts strings to factors.

- Does not add any additional attributes.

- Can expand any generalised vector, including data frames.

Usage

```
expand_grid(..., .name_repair = "check_unique")
```

Arguments

`...`	Name-value pairs. The name will become the column name in the output.
`.name_repair`	Treatment of problematic column names:

- `"minimal"`: No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- `"unique"`: Make sure names are unique and not empty,
- `"check_unique"`: (default value), no name repair, but check they are `unique`,
- `"universal"`: Make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., `.name_repair = make.names` for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as_function()

This argument is passed on as `repair` to vctrs::vec_as_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

Value

A tibble with one column for each input in `...`. The output will have one row for each combination of the inputs, i.e. the size be equal to the product of the sizes of the inputs. This implies that if any input has length 0, the output will have zero rows.

Examples

```
expand_grid(x = 1:3, y = 1:2)
expand_grid(l1 = letters, l2 = LETTERS)

# Can also expand data frames
expand_grid(df = tibble(x = 1:2, y = c(2, 1)), z = 1:3)
# And matrices
expand_grid(x1 = matrix(1:4, nrow = 2), x2 = matrix(5:8, nrow = 2))
```

extract *Extract a character column into multiple columns using regular expression groups*

Description

[Superseded]

extract() has been superseded in favour of separate_wider_regex() because it has a more polished API and better handling of problems. Superseded functions will not go away, but will only receive critical bug fixes.

Given a regular expression with capturing groups, extract() turns each group into a new column. If the groups don't match, or the input is NA, the output will be NA.

Usage

```
extract(
  data,
  col,
  into,
  regex = "([[:alnum:]]+)",
  remove = TRUE,
  convert = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	<tidy-select> Column to expand.
into	Names of new variables to create as character vector. Use NA to omit the variable in the output.
regex	A string representing a regular expression used to extract the desired values. There should be one group (defined by ()) for each element of into.
remove	If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.
convert	If TRUE, will run type.convert() with as.is = TRUE on new columns. This is useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical. NB: this will cause string "NA"s to be converted to NAs.
...	Additional arguments passed on to methods.

See Also

separate() to split up by a separator.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(x = c(NA, "a-b", "a-d", "b-c", "d-e"))
df %>% extract(x, "A")
df %>% extract(x, c("A", "B"), "([[:alnum:]]+)-([[:alnum:]]+)")

# Now recommended
df %>%
  separate_wider_regex(
    x,
    patterns = c(A = "[[:alnum:]]+", "-", B = "[[:alnum:]]+")
  )

# If no match, NA:
df %>% extract(x, c("A", "B"), "([a-d]+)-([a-d]+)")
```

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fill   *Fill in missing values with previous or next value*

Description

Fills missing values in selected columns using the next or previous entry. This is useful in the common output format where values are not repeated, and are only recorded when they change.

Usage

```
fill(data, ..., .direction = c("down", "up", "downup", "updown"))
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	<tidy-select> Columns to fill.
.direction	Direction in which to fill missing values. Currently either "down" (the default), "up", "downup" (i.e. first down and then up) or "updown" (first up and then down).

Details

Missing values are replaced in atomic vectors; NULLs are replaced in lists.

Grouped data frames

With grouped data frames created by dplyr::group_by(), fill() will be applied *within* each group, meaning that it won't fill across group boundaries.

Examples

```
# direction = "down" ----------------------------------------------------------
# Value (year) is recorded only when it changes
sales <- tibble::tribble(
  ~quarter, ~year, ~sales,
  "Q1",     2000,    66013,
  "Q2",       NA,    69182,
  "Q3",       NA,    53175,
  "Q4",       NA,    21001,
  "Q1",     2001,    46036,
  "Q2",       NA,    58842,
  "Q3",       NA,    44568,
  "Q4",       NA,    50197,
  "Q1",     2002,    39113,
  "Q2",       NA,    41668,
  "Q3",       NA,    30144,
  "Q4",       NA,    52897,
  "Q1",     2004,    32129,
  "Q2",       NA,    67686,
  "Q3",       NA,    31768,
  "Q4",       NA,    49094
)
# `fill()` defaults to replacing missing data from top to bottom
sales %>% fill(year)

# direction = "up" -------------------------------------------------------------
# Value (pet_type) is missing above
tidy_pets <- tibble::tribble(
  ~rank, ~pet_type, ~breed,
  1L,        NA,    "Boston Terrier",
  2L,        NA,    "Retrievers (Labrador)",
  3L,        NA,    "Retrievers (Golden)",
  4L,        NA,    "French Bulldogs",
  5L,        NA,    "Bulldogs",
  6L,     "Dog",    "Beagles",
  1L,        NA,    "Persian",
  2L,        NA,    "Maine Coon",
  3L,        NA,    "Ragdoll",
  4L,        NA,    "Exotic",
  5L,        NA,    "Siamese",
  6L,     "Cat",    "American Short"
)

# For values that are missing above you can use `.direction = "up"`
tidy_pets %>%
  fill(pet_type, .direction = "up")

# direction = "downup" ---------------------------------------------------------
# Value (n_squirrels) is missing above and below within a group
squirrels <- tibble::tribble(
  ~group,    ~name,     ~role,      ~n_squirrels,
  1,       "Sam",     "Observer",   NA,
```

```
  1,     "Mara", "Scorekeeper",    8,
  1,    "Jesse",    "Observer",   NA,
  1,      "Tom",    "Observer",   NA,
  2,     "Mike",    "Observer",   NA,
  2,  "Rachael",    "Observer",   NA,
  2,  "Sydekea", "Scorekeeper",   14,
  2, "Gabriela",    "Observer",   NA,
  3,  "Derrick",    "Observer",   NA,
  3,     "Kara", "Scorekeeper",    9,
  3,    "Emily",    "Observer",   NA,
  3, "Danielle",    "Observer",   NA
)

# The values are inconsistently missing by position within the group
# Use .direction = "downup" to fill missing values in both directions
squirrels %>%
  dplyr::group_by(group) %>%
  fill(n_squirrels, .direction = "downup") %>%
  dplyr::ungroup()

# Using `.direction = "updown"` accomplishes the same goal in this example
```

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fish_encounters   *Fish encounters*

Description

Information about fish swimming down a river: each station represents an autonomous monitor that
records if a tagged fish was seen at that location. Fish travel in one direction (migrating down-
stream). Information about misses is just as important as hits, but is not directly recorded in this
form of the data.

Usage

```
fish_encounters
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

fish Fish identifier

station Measurement station

seen Was the fish seen? (1 if yes, and true for all rows)

Source

Dataset provided by Myfanwy Johnston; more details at https://fishsciences.github.io/
post/visualizing-fish-encounter-histories/

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full_seq	*Create the full sequence of values in a vector*

Description

This is useful if you want to fill in missing values that should have been observed but weren't. For example, `full_seq(c(1, 2, 4, 6), 1)` will return `1:6`.

Usage

```
full_seq(x, period, tol = 1e-06)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
period	Gap between each observation. The existing data will be checked to ensure that it is actually of this periodicity.
tol	Numerical tolerance for checking periodicity.

Examples

```
full_seq(c(1, 2, 4, 5, 10), 1)
```

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gather	*Gather columns into key-value pairs*

Description

[Superseded]

Development on `gather()` is complete, and for new code we recommend switching to `pivot_longer()`, which is easier to use, more featureful, and still under active development. df %>% gather("key", "value", x, y, z) is equivalent to df %>% pivot_longer(c(x, y, z), names_to = "key", values_to = "value")

See more details in `vignette("pivot")`.

Usage

```
gather(
  data,
  key = "key",
  value = "value",
  ...,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  convert = FALSE,
  factor_key = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
key, value	Names of new key and value columns, as strings or symbols.
	This argument is passed by expression and supports [quasiquotation](#) (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with [rlang::ensym()](#) (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).
...	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between x and z with x:z, exclude y with -y. For more options, see the [dplyr::select()](#) documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.
na.rm	If TRUE, will remove rows from output where the value column is NA.
convert	If TRUE will automatically run [type.convert()](#) on the key column. This is useful if the column types are actually numeric, integer, or logical.
factor_key	If FALSE, the default, the key values will be stored as a character vector. If TRUE, will be stored as a factor, which preserves the original ordering of the columns.

Rules for selection

Arguments for selecting columns are passed to [tidyselect::vars_select()](#) and are treated specially. Unlike other verbs, selecting functions make a strict distinction between data expressions and context expressions.

- A data expression is either a bare name like x or an expression like x:y or c(x, y). In a data expression, you can only refer to columns from the data frame.
- Everything else is a context expression in which you can only refer to objects that you have defined with <-.

For instance, col1:col3 is a data expression that refers to data columns, while seq(start, end) is a context expression that refers to objects from the contexts.

If you need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can use all_of() or any_of(). These functions are used to select data-variables whose names are stored in a env-variable. For instance, all_of(a) selects the variables listed in the character vector a. For more details, see the [tidyselect::select_helpers()](#) documentation.

Examples

```
# From https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1181060
stocks <- tibble(
  time = as.Date("2009-01-01") + 0:9,
  X = rnorm(10, 0, 1),
  Y = rnorm(10, 0, 2),
  Z = rnorm(10, 0, 4)
)

gather(stocks, "stock", "price", -time)
stocks %>% gather("stock", "price", -time)
```

```
# get first observation for each Species in iris data -- base R
mini_iris <- iris[c(1, 51, 101), ]
# gather Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Petal.Width
gather(mini_iris, key = "flower_att", value = "measurement",
       Sepal.Length, Sepal.Width, Petal.Length, Petal.Width)
# same result but less verbose
gather(mini_iris, key = "flower_att", value = "measurement", -Species)
```

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hoist   *Hoist values out of list-columns*

Description

hoist() allows you to selectively pull components of a list-column into their own top-level columns, using the same syntax as purrr::pluck().

Learn more in vignette("rectangle").

Usage

```
hoist(
  .data,
  .col,
  ...,
  .remove = TRUE,
  .simplify = TRUE,
  .ptype = NULL,
  .transform = NULL
)
```

Arguments

.data	A data frame.
.col	<tidy-select> List-column to extract components from.
...	<dynamic-dots> Components of .col to turn into columns in the form col_name = "pluck_specification". You can pluck by name with a character vector, by position with an integer vector, or with a combination of the two with a list. See purrr::pluck() for details.
	The column names must be unique in a call to hoist(), although existing columns with the same name will be overwritten. When plucking with a single string you can choose to omit the name, i.e. hoist(df, col, "x") is short-hand for hoist(df, col, x = "x").
.remove	If TRUE, the default, will remove extracted components from .col. This ensures that each value lives only in one place. If all components are removed from .col, then .col will be removed from the result entirely.

.simplify   If TRUE, will attempt to simplify lists of length-1 vectors to an atomic vector. Can also be a named list containing TRUE or FALSE declaring whether or not to attempt to simplify a particular column. If a named list is provided, the default for any unspecified columns is TRUE.

.ptype   Optionally, a named list of prototypes declaring the desired output type of each component. Alternatively, a single empty prototype can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to check that each element has the type you expect when simplifying.

                 If a ptype has been specified, but simplify = FALSE or simplification isn't possible, then a [list-of](#) column will be returned and each element will have type ptype.

.transform   Optionally, a named list of transformation functions applied to each component. Alternatively, a single function can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to transform or parse individual elements as they are extracted.

                 When both ptype and transform are supplied, the transform is applied before the ptype.

See Also

Other rectangling: [unnest_longer()](#), [unnest_wider()](#), [unnest()](#)

Examples

```
df <- tibble(
  character = c("Toothless", "Dory"),
  metadata = list(
    list(
      species = "dragon",
      color = "black",
      films = c(
        "How to Train Your Dragon",
        "How to Train Your Dragon 2",
        "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"
      )
    ),
    list(
      species = "blue tang",
      color = "blue",
      films = c("Finding Nemo", "Finding Dory")
    )
  )
)
df

# Extract only specified components
df %>% hoist(metadata,
  "species",
  first_film = list("films", 1L),
  third_film = list("films", 3L)
)
```

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household *Household data*

Description

This dataset is based on an example in vignette("datatable-reshape", package = "data.table")

Usage

```
household
```

Format

A data frame with 5 rows and 5 columns:

family Family identifier

dob_child1 Date of birth of first child

dob_child2 Date of birth of second child

name_child1 Name of first child?

name_child2 Name of second child

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nest *Nest rows into a list-column of data frames*

Description

Nesting creates a list-column of data frames; unnesting flattens it back out into regular columns. Nesting is implicitly a summarising operation: you get one row for each group defined by the non-nested columns. This is useful in conjunction with other summaries that work with whole datasets, most notably models.

Learn more in vignette("nest").

Usage

```
nest(.data, ..., .by = NULL, .key = NULL, .names_sep = NULL)
```

Arguments

.data	A data frame.
...	<[tidy-select](#)> Columns to nest; these will appear in the inner data frames. Specified using name-variable pairs of the form new_col = c(col1, col2, col3). The right hand side can be any valid tidyselect expression.
	If not supplied, then ... is derived as all columns *not* selected by .by, and will use the column name from .key.
	[Deprecated]: previously you could write df %>% nest(x, y, z). Convert to df %>% nest(data = c(x, y, z)).

.by   <tidy-select> Columns to nest *by*; these will remain in the outer data frame.
                    .by can be used in place of or in conjunction with columns supplied through
                    ....
                    If not supplied, then .by is derived as all columns *not* selected by ....

.key   The name of the resulting nested column. Only applicable when ... isn't spec-
                    ified, i.e. in the case of df %>% nest(.by = x).
                    If NULL, then "data" will be used by default.

.names_sep   If NULL, the default, the inner names will come from the former outer names. If
                    a string, the new inner names will use the outer names with names_sep auto-
                    matically stripped. This makes names_sep roughly symmetric between nesting
                    and unnesting.

Details

If neither ... nor .by are supplied, nest() will nest all variables, and will use the column name
supplied through .key.

New syntax

tidyr 1.0.0 introduced a new syntax for nest() and unnest() that's designed to be more similar
to other functions. Converting to the new syntax should be straightforward (guided by the message
you'll receive) but if you just need to run an old analysis, you can easily revert to the previous
behaviour using nest_legacy() and unnest_legacy() as follows:

```
library(tidyr)
nest <- nest_legacy
unnest <- unnest_legacy
```

Grouped data frames

df %>% nest(data = c(x, y)) specifies the columns to be nested; i.e. the columns that will appear
in the inner data frame. df %>% nest(.by = c(x, y)) specifies the columns to nest *by*; i.e. the
columns that will remain in the outer data frame. An alternative way to achieve the latter is to
nest() a grouped data frame created by dplyr::group_by(). The grouping variables remain in
the outer data frame and the others are nested. The result preserves the grouping of the input.

Variables supplied to nest() will override grouping variables so that df %>% group_by(x, y) %>%
nest(data = !z) will be equivalent to df %>% nest(data = !z).

You can't supply .by with a grouped data frame, as the groups already represent what you are
nesting by.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3), y = 1:6, z = 6:1)

# Specify variables to nest using name-variable pairs.
# Note that we get one row of output for each unique combination of
# non-nested variables.
df %>% nest(data = c(y, z))
```

```
# Specify variables to nest by (rather than variables to nest) using `.by`
df %>% nest(.by = x)

# In this case, since `...` isn't used you can specify the resulting column
# name with `.key`
df %>% nest(.by = x, .key = "cols")

# Use tidyselect syntax and helpers, just like in `dplyr::select()`
df %>% nest(data = any_of(c("y", "z")))

# `...` and `.by` can be used together to drop columns you no longer need,
# or to include the columns you are nesting by in the inner data frame too.
# This drops `z`:
df %>% nest(data = y, .by = x)
# This includes `x` in the inner data frame:
df %>% nest(data = everything(), .by = x)

# Multiple nesting structures can be specified at once
iris %>%
  nest(petal = starts_with("Petal"), sepal = starts_with("Sepal"))
iris %>%
  nest(width = contains("Width"), length = contains("Length"))

# Nesting a grouped data frame nests all variables apart from the group vars
fish_encounters %>%
  dplyr::group_by(fish) %>%
  nest()

# That is similar to `nest(.by = )`, except here the result isn't grouped
fish_encounters %>%
  nest(.by = fish)

# Nesting is often useful for creating per group models
mtcars %>%
  nest(.by = cyl) %>%
  dplyr::mutate(models = lapply(data, function(df) lm(mpg ~ wt, data = df)))
```

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nest_legacy   *Legacy versions of* nest() *and* unnest()

Description

[Superseded]

tidyr 1.0.0 introduced a new syntax for [nest()] and [unnest()]. The majority of existing usage
should be automatically translated to the new syntax with a warning. However, if you need to
quickly roll back to the previous behaviour, these functions provide the previous interface. To make
old code work as is, add the following code to the top of your script:

```
library(tidyr)
nest <- nest_legacy
unnest <- unnest_legacy
```

Usage

```
nest_legacy(data, ..., .key = "data")

unnest_legacy(data, ..., .drop = NA, .id = NULL, .sep = NULL, .preserve = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	Specification of columns to unnest. Use bare variable names or functions of variables. If omitted, defaults to all list-cols.
.key	The name of the new column, as a string or symbol. This argument is passed by expression and supports quasiquotation (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with `rlang::ensym()` (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).
.drop	Should additional list columns be dropped? By default, unnest() will drop them if unnesting the specified columns requires the rows to be duplicated.
.id	Data frame identifier - if supplied, will create a new column with name .id, giving a unique identifier. This is most useful if the list column is named.
.sep	If non-NULL, the names of unnested data frame columns will combine the name of the original list-col with the names from the nested data frame, separated by .sep.
.preserve	Optionally, list-columns to preserve in the output. These will be duplicated in the same way as atomic vectors. This has `dplyr::select()` semantics so you can preserve multiple variables with .preserve = c(x, y) or .preserve = starts_with("list").

Examples

```
# Nest and unnest are inverses
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 1, 2), y = 3:1)
df %>% nest_legacy(y)
df %>% nest_legacy(y) %>% unnest_legacy()

# nesting -------------------------------------------------------------
as_tibble(iris) %>% nest_legacy(!Species)
as_tibble(chickwts) %>% nest_legacy(weight)

# unnesting -----------------------------------------------------------
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(
    tibble(z = 1),
    tibble(z = 3:4)
```

```
  )
)
df %>% unnest_legacy(y)

# You can also unnest multiple columns simultaneously
df <- tibble(
  a = list(c("a", "b"), "c"),
  b = list(1:2, 3),
  c = c(11, 22)
)
df %>% unnest_legacy(a, b)
# If you omit the column names, it'll unnest all list-cols
df %>% unnest_legacy()
```

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pack   *Pack and unpack*

Description

Packing and unpacking preserve the length of a data frame, changing its width. pack() makes df narrow by collapsing a set of columns into a single df-column. unpack() makes data wider by expanding df-columns back out into individual columns.

Usage

```
pack(.data, ..., .names_sep = NULL, .error_call = current_env())

unpack(
  data,
  cols,
  ...,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  error_call = current_env()
)
```

Arguments

...	For pack(), <[tidy-select](#)> columns to pack, specified using name-variable pairs of the form new_col = c(col1, col2, col3). The right hand side can be any valid tidy select expression. For unpack(), these dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
data, .data	A data frame.
cols	<[tidy-select](#)> Columns to unpack.
names_sep, .names_sep	
	If NULL, the default, the names will be left as is. In pack(), inner names will come from the former outer names; in unpack(), the new outer names will come from the inner names.

If a string, the inner and outer names will be used together. In unpack(), the names of the new outer columns will be formed by pasting together the outer and the inner column names, separated by names_sep. In pack(), the new inner names will have the outer names + names_sep automatically stripped. This makes names_sep roughly symmetric between packing and unpacking.

names_repair   Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the following options:

- "minimal": no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- "unique": make sure names are unique and not empty,
- "check_unique": (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique,
- "universal": make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair.
- tidyr_legacy: use the name repair from tidyr 0.8.
- a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see rlang::as_function())

See vctrs::vec_as_names() for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

error_call, .error_call

The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. caller_env(). The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the call argument of abort() for more information.

Details

Generally, unpacking is more useful than packing because it simplifies a complex data structure. Currently, few functions work with df-cols, and they are mostly a curiosity, but seem worth exploring further because they mimic the nested column headers that are so popular in Excel.

Examples

```
# Packing ------------------------------------------------------------
# It's not currently clear why you would ever want to pack columns
# since few functions work with this sort of data.
df <- tibble(x1 = 1:3, x2 = 4:6, x3 = 7:9, y = 1:3)
df
df %>% pack(x = starts_with("x"))
df %>% pack(x = c(x1, x2, x3), y = y)

# .names_sep allows you to strip off common prefixes; this
# acts as a natural inverse to name_sep in unpack()
iris %>%
  as_tibble() %>%
  pack(
    Sepal = starts_with("Sepal"),
    Petal = starts_with("Petal"),
    .names_sep = "."
  )

# Unpacking ------------------------------------------------------------
df <- tibble(
```

```
  x = 1:3,
  y = tibble(a = 1:3, b = 3:1),
  z = tibble(X = c("a", "b", "c"), Y = runif(3), Z = c(TRUE, FALSE, NA))
)
df
df %>% unpack(y)
df %>% unpack(c(y, z))
df %>% unpack(c(y, z), names_sep = "_")
```

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pivot_longer	*Pivot data from wide to long*

Description

pivot_longer() "lengthens" data, increasing the number of rows and decreasing the number of columns. The inverse transformation is `pivot_wider()`

Learn more in `vignette("pivot")`.

Usage

```
pivot_longer(
  data,
  cols,
  ...,
  cols_vary = "fastest",
  names_to = "name",
  names_prefix = NULL,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_pattern = NULL,
  names_ptypes = NULL,
  names_transform = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  values_to = "value",
  values_drop_na = FALSE,
  values_ptypes = NULL,
  values_transform = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame to pivot.
cols	`<tidy-select>` Columns to pivot into longer format.
...	Additional arguments passed on to methods.
cols_vary	When pivoting cols into longer format, how should the output rows be arranged relative to their original row number?

- "fastest", the default, keeps individual rows from cols close together in the output. This often produces intuitively ordered output when you have at least one key column from data that is not involved in the pivoting process.
- "slowest" keeps individual columns from cols close together in the output. This often produces intuitively ordered output when you utilize all of the columns from data in the pivoting process.

names_to   A character vector specifying the new column or columns to create from the information stored in the column names of data specified by cols.

- If length 0, or if NULL is supplied, no columns will be created.
- If length 1, a single column will be created which will contain the column names specified by cols.
- If length >1, multiple columns will be created. In this case, one of names_sep or names_pattern must be supplied to specify how the column names should be split. There are also two additional character values you can take advantage of:
    - NA will discard the corresponding component of the column name.
    - ".value" indicates that the corresponding component of the column name defines the name of the output column containing the cell values, overriding values_to entirely.

names_prefix   A regular expression used to remove matching text from the start of each variable name.

names_sep, names_pattern

If names_to contains multiple values, these arguments control how the column name is broken up.

names_sep takes the same specification as [separate()](), and can either be a numeric vector (specifying positions to break on), or a single string (specifying a regular expression to split on).

names_pattern takes the same specification as [extract()](), a regular expression containing matching groups (()).

If these arguments do not give you enough control, use pivot_longer_spec() to create a spec object and process manually as needed.

names_ptypes, values_ptypes

Optionally, a list of column name-prototype pairs. Alternatively, a single empty prototype can be supplied, which will be applied to all columns. A prototype (or ptype for short) is a zero-length vector (like integer() or numeric()) that defines the type, class, and attributes of a vector. Use these arguments if you want to confirm that the created columns are the types that you expect. Note that if you want to change (instead of confirm) the types of specific columns, you should use names_transform or values_transform instead.

names_transform, values_transform

Optionally, a list of column name-function pairs. Alternatively, a single function can be supplied, which will be applied to all columns. Use these arguments if you need to change the types of specific columns. For example, names_transform = list(week = as.integer) would convert a character variable called week to an integer.

	If not specified, the type of the columns generated from `names_to` will be character, and the type of the variables generated from `values_to` will be the common type of the input columns used to generate them.
names_repair	What happens if the output has invalid column names? The default, `"check_unique"` is to error if the columns are duplicated. Use `"minimal"` to allow duplicates in the output, or `"unique"` to de-duplicated by adding numeric suffixes. See `vctrs::vec_as_names()` for more options.
values_to	A string specifying the name of the column to create from the data stored in cell values. If `names_to` is a character containing the special `.value` sentinel, this value will be ignored, and the name of the value column will be derived from part of the existing column names.
values_drop_na	If `TRUE`, will drop rows that contain only NAs in the `value_to` column. This effectively converts explicit missing values to implicit missing values, and should generally be used only when missing values in `data` were created by its structure.

Details

`pivot_longer()` is an updated approach to `gather()`, designed to be both simpler to use and to handle more use cases. We recommend you use `pivot_longer()` for new code; `gather()` isn't going away but is no longer under active development.

Examples

```
# See vignette("pivot") for examples and explanation

# Simplest case where column names are character data
relig_income
relig_income %>%
  pivot_longer(!religion, names_to = "income", values_to = "count")

# Slightly more complex case where columns have common prefix,
# and missing missings are structural so should be dropped.
billboard
billboard %>%
  pivot_longer(
    cols = starts_with("wk"),
    names_to = "week",
    names_prefix = "wk",
    values_to = "rank",
    values_drop_na = TRUE
  )

# Multiple variables stored in column names
who %>% pivot_longer(
  cols = new_sp_m014:newrel_f65,
  names_to = c("diagnosis", "gender", "age"),
  names_pattern = "new_?(.*)_(.)(.*)",
  values_to = "count"
)
```

```
# Multiple observations per row. Since all columns are used in the pivoting
# process, we'll use `cols_vary` to keep values from the original columns
# close together in the output.
anscombe
anscombe %>%
  pivot_longer(
    everything(),
    cols_vary = "slowest",
    names_to = c(".value", "set"),
    names_pattern = "(.)(.)"
  )
```

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pivot_wider   *Pivot data from long to wide*

Description

pivot_wider() "widens" data, increasing the number of columns and decreasing the number of rows. The inverse transformation is pivot_longer().

Learn more in vignette("pivot").

Usage

```
pivot_wider(
  data,
  ...,
  id_cols = NULL,
  id_expand = FALSE,
  names_from = name,
  names_prefix = "",
  names_sep = "_",
  names_glue = NULL,
  names_sort = FALSE,
  names_vary = "fastest",
  names_expand = FALSE,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  values_from = value,
  values_fill = NULL,
  values_fn = NULL,
  unused_fn = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame to pivot.
...	Additional arguments passed on to methods.

id_cols   <[tidy-select](#)> A set of columns that uniquely identify each observation. Typically used when you have redundant variables, i.e. variables whose values are perfectly correlated with existing variables.

                  Defaults to all columns in data except for the columns specified through names_from and values_from. If a tidyselect expression is supplied, it will be evaluated on data after removing the columns specified through names_from and values_from.

id_expand   Should the values in the id_cols columns be expanded by [expand()](#) before pivoting? This results in more rows, the output will contain a complete expansion of all possible values in id_cols. Implicit factor levels that aren't represented in the data will become explicit. Additionally, the row values corresponding to the expanded id_cols will be sorted.

names_from, values_from

                  <[tidy-select](#)> A pair of arguments describing which column (or columns) to get the name of the output column (names_from), and which column (or columns) to get the cell values from (values_from).

                  If values_from contains multiple values, the value will be added to the front of the output column.

names_prefix   String added to the start of every variable name. This is particularly useful if names_from is a numeric vector and you want to create syntactic variable names.

names_sep   If names_from or values_from contains multiple variables, this will be used to join their values together into a single string to use as a column name.

names_glue   Instead of names_sep and names_prefix, you can supply a glue specification that uses the names_from columns (and special .value) to create custom column names.

names_sort   Should the column names be sorted? If FALSE, the default, column names are ordered by first appearance.

names_vary   When names_from identifies a column (or columns) with multiple unique values, and multiple values_from columns are provided, in what order should the resulting column names be combined?

- "fastest" varies names_from values fastest, resulting in a column naming scheme of the form: value1_name1, value1_name2, value2_name1, value2_name2. This is the default.

- "slowest" varies names_from values slowest, resulting in a column naming scheme of the form: value1_name1, value2_name1, value1_name2, value2_name2.

names_expand   Should the values in the names_from columns be expanded by [expand()](#) before pivoting? This results in more columns, the output will contain column names corresponding to a complete expansion of all possible values in names_from. Implicit factor levels that aren't represented in the data will become explicit. Additionally, the column names will be sorted, identical to what names_sort would produce.

names_repair   What happens if the output has invalid column names? The default, "check_unique" is to error if the columns are duplicated. Use "minimal" to allow duplicates in the output, or "unique" to de-duplicated by adding numeric suffixes. See [vctrs::vec_as_names()](#) for more options.

values_fill	Optionally, a (scalar) value that specifies what each value should be filled in with when missing.
	This can be a named list if you want to apply different fill values to different value columns.
values_fn	Optionally, a function applied to the value in each cell in the output. You will typically use this when the combination of id_cols and names_from columns does not uniquely identify an observation.
	This can be a named list if you want to apply different aggregations to different values_from columns.
unused_fn	Optionally, a function applied to summarize the values from the unused columns (i.e. columns not identified by id_cols, names_from, or values_from).
	The default drops all unused columns from the result.
	This can be a named list if you want to apply different aggregations to different unused columns.
	id_cols must be supplied for unused_fn to be useful, since otherwise all un-specified columns will be considered id_cols.
	This is similar to grouping by the id_cols then summarizing the unused columns using unused_fn.

Details

pivot_wider() is an updated approach to [spread()](), designed to be both simpler to use and to handle more use cases. We recommend you use pivot_wider() for new code; spread() isn't going away but is no longer under active development.

See Also

[pivot_wider_spec()]() to pivot "by hand" with a data frame that defines a pivoting specification.

Examples

```
# See vignette("pivot") for examples and explanation

fish_encounters
fish_encounters %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = station, values_from = seen)
# Fill in missing values
fish_encounters %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = station, values_from = seen, values_fill = 0)

# Generate column names from multiple variables
us_rent_income
us_rent_income %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = variable,
    values_from = c(estimate, moe)
  )

# You can control whether `names_from` values vary fastest or slowest
```

```
# relative to the `values_from` column names using `names_vary`.
us_rent_income %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = variable,
    values_from = c(estimate, moe),
    names_vary = "slowest"
  )

# When there are multiple `names_from` or `values_from`, you can use
# use `names_sep` or `names_glue` to control the output variable names
us_rent_income %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = variable,
    names_sep = ".",
    values_from = c(estimate, moe)
  )
us_rent_income %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = variable,
    names_glue = "{variable}_{.value}",
    values_from = c(estimate, moe)
  )

# Can perform aggregation with `values_fn`
warpbreaks <- as_tibble(warpbreaks[c("wool", "tension", "breaks")])
warpbreaks
warpbreaks %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = wool,
    values_from = breaks,
    values_fn = mean
  )

# Can pass an anonymous function to `values_fn` when you
# need to supply additional arguments
warpbreaks$breaks[1] <- NA
warpbreaks %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = wool,
    values_from = breaks,
    values_fn = ~ mean(.x, na.rm = TRUE)
  )
```

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relig_income   *Pew religion and income survey*

Description

Pew religion and income survey

Usage

```
relig_income
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

religion Name of religion

`<$10k`-`Don\'t know/refused` Number of respondees with income range in column name

Source

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replace_na   *Replace NAs with specified values*

Description

Replace NAs with specified values

Usage

```
replace_na(data, replace, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame or vector.
replace	If `data` is a data frame, `replace` takes a named list of values, with one value for each column that has missing values to be replaced. Each value in `replace` will be cast to the type of the column in `data` that it being used as a replacement in.
	If `data` is a vector, `replace` takes a single value. This single value replaces all of the missing values in the vector. `replace` will be cast to the type of `data`.
...	Additional arguments for methods. Currently unused.

Value

replace_na() returns an object with the same type as `data`.

See Also

[dplyr::na_if()](#) to replace specified values with NAs; [dplyr::coalesce()](#) to replaces NAs with values from other vectors.

Examples

```
# Replace NAs in a data frame
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 2, NA), y = c("a", NA, "b"))
df %>% replace_na(list(x = 0, y = "unknown"))

# Replace NAs in a vector
df %>% dplyr::mutate(x = replace_na(x, 0))
# OR
df$x %>% replace_na(0)
df$y %>% replace_na("unknown")

# Replace NULLs in a list: NULLs are the list-col equivalent of NAs
df_list <- tibble(z = list(1:5, NULL, 10:20))
df_list %>% replace_na(list(z = list(5)))
```

| separate | *Separate a character column into multiple columns with a regular expression or numeric locations* |

Description

[Superseded]

separate() has been superseded in favour of [separate_wider_position()](#) and [separate_wider_delim()](#) because the two functions make the two uses more obvious, the API is more polished, and the handling of problems is better. Superseded functions will not go away, but will only receive critical bug fixes.

Given either a regular expression or a vector of character positions, separate() turns a single character column into multiple columns.

Usage

```
separate(
  data,
  col,
  into,
  sep = "[^[:alnum:]]+",
  remove = TRUE,
  convert = FALSE,
  extra = "warn",
  fill = "warn",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	[<tidy-select>](#) Column to expand.

into	Names of new variables to create as character vector. Use NA to omit the variable in the output.
sep	Separator between columns.
	If character, sep is interpreted as a regular expression. The default value is a regular expression that matches any sequence of non-alphanumeric values.
	If numeric, sep is interpreted as character positions to split at. Positive values start at 1 at the far-left of the string; negative value start at -1 at the far-right of the string. The length of sep should be one less than into.
remove	If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.
convert	If TRUE, will run type.convert() with as.is = TRUE on new columns. This is useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical.
	NB: this will cause string ″NA″s to be converted to NAs.
extra	If sep is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are too many pieces. There are three valid options:
	• ″warn″ (the default): emit a warning and drop extra values.
	• ″drop″: drop any extra values without a warning.
	• ″merge″: only splits at most length(into) times
fill	If sep is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are not enough pieces. There are three valid options:
	• ″warn″ (the default): emit a warning and fill from the right
	• ″right″: fill with missing values on the right
	• ″left″: fill with missing values on the left
...	Additional arguments passed on to methods.

See Also

unite(), the complement, extract() which uses regular expression capturing groups.

Examples

```
# If you want to split by any non-alphanumeric value (the default):
df <- tibble(x = c(NA, ″x.y″, ″x.z″, ″y.z″))
df %>% separate(x, c(″A″, ″B″))

# If you just want the second variable:
df %>% separate(x, c(NA, ″B″))

# We now recommend separate_wider_delim() instead:
df %>% separate_wider_delim(x, ″.″, names = c(″A″, ″B″))
df %>% separate_wider_delim(x, ″.″, names = c(NA, ″B″))

# Controlling uneven splits ------------------------------------------------
# If every row doesn't split into the same number of pieces, use
# the extra and fill arguments to control what happens:
df <- tibble(x = c(″x″, ″x y″, ″x y z″, NA))
df %>% separate(x, c(″a″, ″b″))
# The same behaviour as previous, but drops the c without warnings:
```

```
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b"), extra = "drop", fill = "right")
# Opposite of previous, keeping the c and filling left:
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b"), extra = "merge", fill = "left")
# Or you can keep all three:
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b", "c"))

# To only split a specified number of times use extra = "merge":
df <- tibble(x = c("x: 123", "y: error: 7"))
df %>% separate(x, c("key", "value"), ": ", extra = "merge")

# Controlling column types --------------------------------------------
# convert = TRUE detects column classes:
df <- tibble(x = c("x:1", "x:2", "y:4", "z", NA))
df %>% separate(x, c("key", "value"), ":") %>% str()
df %>% separate(x, c("key", "value"), ":", convert = TRUE) %>% str()
```

---

separate_longer_delim   *Split a string into rows*

Description

[Experimental]

Each of these functions takes a string and splits it into multiple rows:

- separate_longer_delim() splits by a delimiter.
- separate_longer_position() splits by a fixed width.

Usage

```
separate_longer_delim(data, cols, delim, ...)

separate_longer_position(data, cols, width, ..., keep_empty = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
cols	<tidy-select> Columns to separate.
delim	For separate_longer_delim(), a string giving the delimiter between values. By default, it is interpreted as a fixed string; use stringr::regex() and friends to split in other ways.
...	These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
width	For separate_longer_position(), an integer giving the number of characters to split by.
keep_empty	By default, you'll get ceiling(nchar(x) / width) rows for each observation. If nchar(x) is zero, this means the entire input row will be dropped from the output. If you want to preserve all rows, use keep_empty = TRUE to replace size-0 elements with a missing value.

Value

A data frame based on `data`. It has the same columns, but different rows.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(id = 1:4, x = c("x", "x y", "x y z", NA))
df %>% separate_longer_delim(x, delim = " ")

# You can separate multiple columns at once if they have the same structure
df <- tibble(id = 1:3, x = c("x", "x y", "x y z"), y = c("a", "a b", "a b c"))
df %>% separate_longer_delim(c(x, y), delim = " ")

# Or instead split by a fixed length
df <- tibble(id = 1:3, x = c("ab", "def", ""))
df %>% separate_longer_position(x, 1)
df %>% separate_longer_position(x, 2)
df %>% separate_longer_position(x, 2, keep_empty = TRUE)
```

---

separate_rows   *Separate a collapsed column into multiple rows*

Description

[Superseded]

separate_rows() has been superseded in favour of [separate_longer_delim()](#) because it has a
more consistent API with other separate functions. Superseded functions will not go away, but will
only receive critical bug fixes.

If a variable contains observations with multiple delimited values, separate_rows() separates the
values and places each one in its own row.

Usage

```
separate_rows(data, ..., sep = "[^[:alnum:].]+", convert = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	[<tidy-select>](#) Columns to separate across multiple rows
sep	Separator delimiting collapsed values.
convert	If TRUE will automatically run [type.convert()](#) on the key column. This is useful if the column types are actually numeric, integer, or logical.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:3,
  y = c("a", "d,e,f", "g,h"),
  z = c("1", "2,3,4", "5,6")
)
separate_rows(df, y, z, convert = TRUE)

# Now recommended
df %>%
  separate_longer_delim(c(y, z), delim = ",")
```

---

separate_wider_delim   *Split a string into columns*

Description

[Experimental]

Each of these functions takes a string column and splits it into multiple new columns:

- separate_wider_delim() splits by delimiter.
- separate_wider_position() splits at fixed widths.
- separate_wider_regex() splits with regular expression matches.

These functions are equivalent to separate() and extract(), but use stringr as the underlying string manipulation engine, and their interfaces reflect what we've learned from unnest_wider() and unnest_longer().

Usage

```
separate_wider_delim(
  data,
  cols,
  delim,
  ...,
  names = NULL,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  too_few = c("error", "debug", "align_start", "align_end"),
  too_many = c("error", "debug", "drop", "merge"),
  cols_remove = TRUE
)

separate_wider_position(
  data,
  cols,
  widths,
```

```
  ...,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  too_few = c("error", "debug", "align_start"),
  too_many = c("error", "debug", "drop"),
  cols_remove = TRUE
)

separate_wider_regex(
  data,
  cols,
  patterns,
  ...,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  too_few = c("error", "debug", "align_start"),
  cols_remove = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
cols	[<tidy-select>](#) Columns to separate.
delim	For separate_wider_delim(), a string giving the delimiter between values. By default, it is interpreted as a fixed string; use [stringr::regex()](#) and friends to split in other ways.
...	These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
names	For separate_wider_delim(), a character vector of output column names. Use NA if there are components that you don't want to appear in the output; the number of non-NA elements determines the number of new columns in the result.
names_sep	If supplied, output names will be composed of the input column name followed by the separator followed by the new column name. Required when cols selects multiple columns.
	For separate_wider_delim() you can specify instead of names, in which case the names will be generated from the source column name, names_sep, and a numeric suffix.
names_repair	Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the following options:
	• "minimal": no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
	• "unique": make sure names are unique and not empty,
	• "check_unique": (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique,
	• "universal": make the names unique and syntactic
	• a function: apply custom name repair.
	• [tidyr_legacy](#): use the name repair from tidyr 0.8.
	• a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see [rlang::as_function()](#))

See [vctrs::vec_as_names()](#) for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

too_few
What should happen if a value separates into too few pieces?

- "error", the default, will throw an error.
- "debug" adds additional columns to the output to help you locate and re-solve the underlying problem. This option is intended to help you debug the issue and address and should not generally remain in your final code.
- "align_start" aligns starts of short matches, adding NA on the end to pad to the correct length.
- "align_end" (separate_wider_delim() only) aligns the ends of short matches, adding NA at the start to pad to the correct length.

too_many
What should happen if a value separates into too many pieces?

- "error", the default, will throw an error.
- "debug" will add additional columns to the output to help you locate and resolve the underlying problem.
- "drop" will silently drop any extra pieces.
- "merge" (separate_wider_delim() only) will merge together any additional pieces.

cols_remove
Should the input cols be removed from the output? Always FALSE if too_few or too_many are set to "debug".

widths
A named numeric vector where the names become column names, and the values specify the column width. Unnamed components will match, but not be included in the output.

patterns
A named character vector where the names become column names and the values are regular expressions that match the contents of the vector. Unnamed components will match, but not be included in the output.

Value

A data frame based on data. It has the same rows, but different columns:

- The primary purpose of the functions are to create new columns from components of the string. For separate_wider_delim() the names of new columns come from names. For separate_wider_position() the names come from the names of widths. For separate_wider_regex() the names come from the names of patterns.

- If too_few or too_many is "debug", the output will contain additional columns useful for debugging:
  - {col}_ok: a logical vector which tells you if the input was ok or not. Use to quickly find the problematic rows.
  - {col}_remainder: any text remaining after separation.
  - {col}_pieces, {col}_width, {col}_matches: number of pieces, number of characters, and number of matches for separate_wider_delim(), separate_wider_position() and separate_regexp_wider() respectively.

- If cols_remove = TRUE (the default), the input cols will be removed from the output.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(id = 1:3, x = c("m-123", "f-455", "f-123"))
# There are three basic ways to split up a string into pieces:
# 1. with a delimiter
df %>% separate_wider_delim(x, delim = "-", names = c("gender", "unit"))
# 2. by length
df %>% separate_wider_position(x, c(gender = 1, 1, unit = 3))
# 3. defining each component with a regular expression
df %>% separate_wider_regex(x, c(gender = ".", ".", unit = "\\d+"))

# Sometimes you split on the "last" delimiter
df <- tibble(var = c("race_1", "race_2", "age_bucket_1", "age_bucket_2"))
# _delim won't help because it always splits on the first delimiter
try(df %>% separate_wider_delim(var, "_", names = c("var1", "var2")))
df %>% separate_wider_delim(var, "_", names = c("var1", "var2"), too_many = "merge")
# Instead, you can use _regex
df %>% separate_wider_regex(var, c(var1 = ".*", "_", var2 = ".*"))
# this works because * is greedy; you can mimic the _delim behaviour with .*?
df %>% separate_wider_regex(var, c(var1 = ".*?", "_", var2 = ".*"))

# If the number of components varies, it's most natural to split into rows
df <- tibble(id = 1:4, x = c("x", "x y", "x y z", NA))
df %>% separate_longer_delim(x, delim = " ")
# But separate_wider_delim() provides some tools to deal with the problem
# The default behaviour tells you that there's a problem
try(df %>% separate_wider_delim(x, delim = " ", names = c("a", "b")))
# You can get additional insight by using the debug options
df %>%
  separate_wider_delim(
    x,
    delim = " ",
    names = c("a", "b"),
    too_few = "debug",
    too_many = "debug"
  )

# But you can suppress the warnings
df %>%
  separate_wider_delim(
    x,
    delim = " ",
    names = c("a", "b"),
    too_few = "align_start",
    too_many = "merge"
  )

# Or choose to automatically name the columns, producing as many as needed
df %>% separate_wider_delim(x, delim = " ", names_sep = "", too_few = "align_start")
```

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smiths   *Some data about the Smith family*

Description

A small demo dataset describing John and Mary Smith.

Usage

```
smiths
```

Format

A data frame with 2 rows and 5 columns.

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spread   *Spread a key-value pair across multiple columns*

Description

[Superseded]

Development on `spread()` is complete, and for new code we recommend switching to `pivot_wider()`, which is easier to use, more featureful, and still under active development. `df %>% spread(key, value)` is equivalent to `df %>% pivot_wider(names_from = key, values_from = value)`

See more details in `vignette("pivot")`.

Usage

```
spread(data, key, value, fill = NA, convert = FALSE, drop = TRUE, sep = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
key, value	`<tidy-select>` Columns to use for `key` and `value`.
fill	If set, missing values will be replaced with this value. Note that there are two types of missingness in the input: explicit missing values (i.e. `NA`), and implicit missings, rows that simply aren't present. Both types of missing value will be replaced by `fill`.
convert	If `TRUE`, `type.convert()` with `asis = TRUE` will be run on each of the new columns. This is useful if the value column was a mix of variables that was coerced to a string. If the class of the value column was factor or date, note that will not be true of the new columns that are produced, which are coerced to character before type conversion.
drop	If `FALSE`, will keep factor levels that don't appear in the data, filling in missing combinations with `fill`.
sep	If `NULL`, the column names will be taken from the values of key variable. If non-`NULL`, the column names will be given by `"<key_name><sep><key_value>"`.

Examples

```
stocks <- tibble(
  time = as.Date("2009-01-01") + 0:9,
  X = rnorm(10, 0, 1),
  Y = rnorm(10, 0, 2),
  Z = rnorm(10, 0, 4)
)
stocksm <- stocks %>% gather(stock, price, -time)
stocksm %>% spread(stock, price)
stocksm %>% spread(time, price)

# Spread and gather are complements
df <- tibble(x = c("a", "b"), y = c(3, 4), z = c(5, 6))
df %>%
  spread(x, y) %>%
  gather("x", "y", a:b, na.rm = TRUE)

# Use 'convert = TRUE' to produce variables of mixed type
df <- tibble(
  row = rep(c(1, 51), each = 3),
  var = rep(c("Sepal.Length", "Species", "Species_num"), 2),
  value = c(5.1, "setosa", 1, 7.0, "versicolor", 2)
)
df %>% spread(var, value) %>% str()
df %>% spread(var, value, convert = TRUE) %>% str()
```

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table1 | *Example tabular representations*

Description

Data sets that demonstrate multiple ways to layout the same tabular data.

Usage

```
table1

table2

table3

table4a

table4b

table5
```

Details

table1, table2, table3, table4a, table4b, and table5 all display the number of TB cases documented by the World Health Organization in Afghanistan, Brazil, and China between 1999 and 2000. The data contains values associated with four variables (country, year, cases, and population), but each table organizes the values in a different layout.

The data is a subset of the data contained in the World Health Organization Global Tuberculosis Report

Source

https://www.who.int/teams/global-tuberculosis-programme/data

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uncount	*"Uncount" a data frame*

Description

Performs the opposite operation to dplyr::count(), duplicating rows according to a weighting variable (or expression).

Usage

```
uncount(data, weights, ..., .remove = TRUE, .id = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame, tibble, or grouped tibble.
weights	A vector of weights. Evaluated in the context of data; supports quasiquotation.
...	Additional arguments passed on to methods.
.remove	If TRUE, and weights is the name of a column in data, then this column is removed.
.id	Supply a string to create a new variable which gives a unique identifier for each created row.

Examples

```
df <- tibble(x = c("a", "b"), n = c(1, 2))
uncount(df, n)
uncount(df, n, .id = "id")

# You can also use constants
uncount(df, 2)

# Or expressions
uncount(df, 2 / n)
```

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unite   *Unite multiple columns into one by pasting strings together*

Description

Convenience function to paste together multiple columns into one.

Usage

```
unite(data, col, ..., sep = "_", remove = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	The name of the new column, as a string or symbol.
	This argument is passed by expression and supports [quasiquotation](you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with [rlang::ensym()](note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).
...	[<tidy-select>](Columns) to unite
sep	Separator to use between values.
remove	If TRUE, remove input columns from output data frame.
na.rm	If TRUE, missing values will be removed prior to uniting each value.

See Also

[separate()](), the complement.

Examples

```
df <- expand_grid(x = c("a", NA), y = c("b", NA))
df

df %>% unite("z", x:y, remove = FALSE)
# To remove missing values:
df %>% unite("z", x:y, na.rm = TRUE, remove = FALSE)

# Separate is almost the complement of unite
df %>%
  unite("xy", x:y) %>%
  separate(xy, c("x", "y"))
# (but note `x` and `y` contain now "NA" not NA)
```

unnest   *Unnest a list-column of data frames into rows and columns*

Description

Unnest expands a list-column containing data frames into rows and columns.

Usage

```
unnest(
  data,
  cols,
  ...,
  keep_empty = FALSE,
  ptype = NULL,
  names_sep = NULL,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  .drop = deprecated(),
  .id = deprecated(),
  .sep = deprecated(),
  .preserve = deprecated()
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
cols	[`<tidy-select>`](#) List-columns to unnest.
	When selecting multiple columns, values from the same row will be recycled to their common size.
...	**[Deprecated]**: previously you could write df %>% unnest(x, y, z). Convert to df %>% unnest(c(x, y, z)). If you previously created a new variable in unnest() you'll now need to do it explicitly with mutate(). Convert df %>% unnest(y = fun(x, y, z)) to df %>% mutate(y = fun(x, y, z)) %>% unnest(y).
keep_empty	By default, you get one row of output for each element of the list that you are unchopping/unnesting. This means that if there's a size-0 element (like NULL or an empty data frame or vector), then that entire row will be dropped from the output. If you want to preserve all rows, use keep_empty = TRUE to replace size-0 elements with a single row of missing values.
ptype	Optionally, a named list of column name-prototype pairs to coerce cols to, overriding the default that will be guessed from combining the individual values. Alternatively, a single empty ptype can be supplied, which will be applied to all cols.
names_sep	If NULL, the default, the outer names will come from the inner names. If a string, the outer names will be formed by pasting together the outer and the inner column names, separated by names_sep.

names_repair   Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the
                 following options:

                      • "minimal": no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
                      • "unique": make sure names are unique and not empty,
                      • "check_unique": (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique,
                      • "universal": make the names unique and syntactic
                      • a function: apply custom name repair.
                      • tidyr_legacy: use the name repair from tidyr 0.8.
                      • a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see rlang::as_function())

                 See vctrs::vec_as_names() for more details on these terms and the strategies
                 used to enforce them.

.drop, .preserve

                 [Deprecated]: all list-columns are now preserved; If there are any that you don't
                 want in the output use select() to remove them prior to unnesting.

.id   [Deprecated]: convert df %>% unnest(x, .id = "id") to df %>% mutate(id = names(x)) %>% unnest(

.sep   [Deprecated]: use names_sep instead.

New syntax

tidyr 1.0.0 introduced a new syntax for nest() and unnest() that's designed to be more similar
to other functions. Converting to the new syntax should be straightforward (guided by the message
you'll receive) but if you just need to run an old analysis, you can easily revert to the previous
behaviour using nest_legacy() and unnest_legacy() as follows:

```
library(tidyr)
nest <- nest_legacy
unnest <- unnest_legacy
```

See Also

Other rectangling: hoist(), unnest_longer(), unnest_wider()

Examples

```
# unnest() is designed to work with lists of data frames
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:3,
  y = list(
    NULL,
    tibble(a = 1, b = 2),
    tibble(a = 1:3, b = 3:1, c = 4)
  )
)
# unnest() recycles input rows for each row of the list-column
# and adds a column for each column
df %>% unnest(y)

# input rows with 0 rows in the list-column will usually disappear,
```

```
# but you can keep them (generating NAs) with keep_empty = TRUE:
df %>% unnest(y, keep_empty = TRUE)

# Multiple columns ---------------------------------------------------------
# You can unnest multiple columns simultaneously
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(
    tibble(a = 1, b = 2),
    tibble(a = 3:4, b = 5:6)
  ),
  z = list(
    tibble(c = 1, d = 2),
    tibble(c = 3:4, d = 5:6)
  )
)
df %>% unnest(c(y, z))

# Compare with unnesting one column at a time, which generates
# the Cartesian product
df %>%
  unnest(y) %>%
  unnest(z)
```

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unnest_longer	*Unnest a list-column into rows*

Description

unnest_longer() turns each element of a list-column into a row. It is most naturally suited to list-columns where the elements are unnamed and the length of each element varies from row to row.

unnest_longer() generally preserves the number of columns of x while modifying the number of rows.

Learn more in vignette("rectangle").

Usage

```
unnest_longer(
  data,
  col,
  values_to = NULL,
  indices_to = NULL,
  indices_include = NULL,
  keep_empty = FALSE,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  simplify = TRUE,
  ptype = NULL,
  transform = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A data frame.
`col`	<[tidy-select](#)> List-column(s) to unnest. When selecting multiple columns, values from the same row will be recycled to their common size.
`values_to`	A string giving the column name (or names) to store the unnested values in. If multiple columns are specified in `col`, this can also be a glue string containing `"{col}"` to provide a template for the column names. The default, `NULL`, gives the output columns the same names as the input columns.
`indices_to`	A string giving the column name (or names) to store the inner names or positions (if not named) of the values. If multiple columns are specified in `col`, this can also be a glue string containing `"{col}"` to provide a template for the column names. The default, `NULL`, gives the output columns the same names as `values_to`, but suffixed with `"_id"`.
`indices_include`	
	A single logical value specifying whether or not to add an index column. If any value has inner names, the index column will be a character vector of those names, otherwise it will be an integer vector of positions. If `NULL`, defaults to `TRUE` if any value has inner names or if `indices_to` is provided. If `indices_to` is provided, then `indices_include` can't be `FALSE`.
`keep_empty`	By default, you get one row of output for each element of the list that you are unchopping/unnesting. This means that if there's a size-0 element (like `NULL` or an empty data frame or vector), then that entire row will be dropped from the output. If you want to preserve all rows, use `keep_empty = TRUE` to replace size-0 elements with a single row of missing values.
`names_repair`	Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the following options: • `"minimal"`: no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence, • `"unique"`: make sure names are unique and not empty, • `"check_unique"`: (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique, • `"universal"`: make the names unique and syntactic • a function: apply custom name repair. • [tidyr_legacy](#): use the name repair from tidyr 0.8. • a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see [rlang::as_function()](#)) See [vctrs::vec_as_names()](#) for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.
`simplify`	If `TRUE`, will attempt to simplify lists of length-1 vectors to an atomic vector. Can also be a named list containing `TRUE` or `FALSE` declaring whether or not to attempt to simplify a particular column. If a named list is provided, the default for any unspecified columns is `TRUE`.
`ptype`	Optionally, a named list of prototypes declaring the desired output type of each component. Alternatively, a single empty prototype can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to check that each element has the type you expect when simplifying.

                If a `ptype` has been specified, but `simplify = FALSE` or simplification isn't possible, then a [list-of](#) column will be returned and each element will have type `ptype`.

transform   Optionally, a named list of transformation functions applied to each component. Alternatively, a single function can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to transform or parse individual elements as they are extracted.

                When both `ptype` and `transform` are supplied, the `transform` is applied before the `ptype`.

See Also

Other rectangling: [hoist](#)(), [unnest_wider](#)(), [unnest](#)()

Examples

```
# `unnest_longer()` is useful when each component of the list should
# form a row
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:4,
  y = list(NULL, 1:3, 4:5, integer())
)
df %>% unnest_longer(y)

# Note that empty values like `NULL` and `integer()` are dropped by
# default. If you'd like to keep them, set `keep_empty = TRUE`.
df %>% unnest_longer(y, keep_empty = TRUE)

# If the inner vectors are named, the names are copied to an `_id` column
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(c(a = 1, b = 2), c(a = 10, b = 11, c = 12))
)
df %>% unnest_longer(y)

# Multiple columns ---------------------------------------------------------
# If columns are aligned, you can unnest simultaneously
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(1:2, 3:4),
  z = list(5:6, 7:8)
)
df %>%
  unnest_longer(c(y, z))

# This is important because sequential unnesting would generate the
# Cartesian product of the rows
df %>%
  unnest_longer(y) %>%
  unnest_longer(z)
```

unnest_wider   *Unnest a list-column into columns*

Description

unnest_wider() turns each element of a list-column into a column. It is most naturally suited to list-columns where every element is named, and the names are consistent from row-to-row. unnest_wider() preserves the rows of x while modifying the columns.

Learn more in vignette("rectangle").

Usage

```
unnest_wider(
  data,
  col,
  names_sep = NULL,
  simplify = TRUE,
  strict = FALSE,
  names_repair = "check_unique",
  ptype = NULL,
  transform = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	[<tidy-select>](tidy-select) List-column(s) to unnest.
	When selecting multiple columns, values from the same row will be recycled to their common size.
names_sep	If NULL, the default, the names will be left as is. If a string, the outer and inner names will be pasted together using names_sep as a separator.
	If any values being unnested are unnamed, then names_sep must be supplied, otherwise an error is thrown. When names_sep is supplied, names are automatically generated for unnamed values as an increasing sequence of integers.
simplify	If TRUE, will attempt to simplify lists of length-1 vectors to an atomic vector. Can also be a named list containing TRUE or FALSE declaring whether or not to attempt to simplify a particular column. If a named list is provided, the default for any unspecified columns is TRUE.
strict	A single logical specifying whether or not to apply strict vctrs typing rules. If FALSE, typed empty values (like list() or integer()) nested within list-columns will be treated like NULL and will not contribute to the type of the unnested column. This is useful when working with JSON, where empty values tend to lose their type information and show up as list().
names_repair	Used to check that output data frame has valid names. Must be one of the following options:

- "minimal": no name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- "unique": make sure names are unique and not empty,
- "check_unique": (the default), no name repair, but check they are unique,
- "universal": make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair.
- tidyr_legacy: use the name repair from tidyr 0.8.
- a formula: a purrr-style anonymous function (see `rlang::as_function()`)

See `vctrs::vec_as_names()` for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

ptype   Optionally, a named list of prototypes declaring the desired output type of each component. Alternatively, a single empty prototype can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to check that each element has the type you expect when simplifying.

                 If a ptype has been specified, but `simplify = FALSE` or simplification isn't possible, then a list-of column will be returned and each element will have type `ptype`.

transform   Optionally, a named list of transformation functions applied to each component. Alternatively, a single function can be supplied, which will be applied to all components. Use this argument if you want to transform or parse individual elements as they are extracted.

                 When both `ptype` and `transform` are supplied, the `transform` is applied before the `ptype`.

See Also

Other rectangling: `hoist()`, `unnest_longer()`, `unnest()`

Examples

```
df <- tibble(
  character = c("Toothless", "Dory"),
  metadata = list(
    list(
      species = "dragon",
      color = "black",
      films = c(
        "How to Train Your Dragon",
        "How to Train Your Dragon 2",
        "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World"
      )
    ),
    list(
      species = "blue tang",
      color = "blue",
      films = c("Finding Nemo", "Finding Dory")
    )
  )
)
```

```
  df

  # Turn all components of metadata into columns
  df %>% unnest_wider(metadata)

  # Choose not to simplify list-cols of length-1 elements
  df %>% unnest_wider(metadata, simplify = FALSE)
  df %>% unnest_wider(metadata, simplify = list(color = FALSE))

  # You can also widen unnamed list-cols:
  df <- tibble(
    x = 1:3,
    y = list(NULL, 1:3, 4:5)
  )
  # but you must supply `names_sep` to do so, which generates automatic names:
  df %>% unnest_wider(y, names_sep = "_")

  # 0-length elements -----------------------------------------------------
  # The defaults of `unnest_wider()` treat empty types (like `list()`) as `NULL`.
  json <- list(
    list(x = 1:2, y = 1:2),
    list(x = list(), y = 3:4),
    list(x = 3L, y = list())
  )

  df <- tibble(json = json)
  df %>%
    unnest_wider(json)

  # To instead enforce strict vctrs typing rules, use `strict`
  df %>%
    unnest_wider(json, strict = TRUE)
```

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us_rent_income   *US rent and income data*

Description

Captured from the 2017 American Community Survey using the tidycensus package.

Usage

```
us_rent_income
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

GEOID FIP state identifier

NAME Name of state

variable Variable name: income = median yearly income, rent = median monthly rent

estimate Estimated value

moe 90% margin of error

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who *World Health Organization TB data*

Description

A subset of data from the World Health Organization Global Tuberculosis Report, and accompanying global populations. who uses the original codes from the World Health Organization. The column names for columns 5 through 60 are made by combining new_ with:

- the method of diagnosis (rel = relapse, sn = negative pulmonary smear, sp = positive pulmonary smear, ep = extrapulmonary),
- gender (f = female, m = male), and
- age group (014 = 0-14 yrs of age, 1524 = 15-24, 2534 = 25-34, 3544 = 35-44 years of age, 4554 = 45-54, 5564 = 55-64, 65 = 65 years or older).

who2 is a lightly modified version that makes teaching the basics easier by tweaking the variables to be slightly more consistent and dropping iso2 and iso3. newrel is replaced by new_rel, and a _ is added after the gender.

Usage

```
who

who2

population
```

Format

who:
A data frame with 7,240 rows and 60 columns:

country Country name

iso2, iso3 2 & 3 letter ISO country codes

year Year

new_sp_m014 - new_rel_f65 Counts of new TB cases recorded by group. Column names encode three variables that describe the group.

who2:
A data frame with 7,240 rows and 58 columns.

population:
A data frame with 4,060 rows and three columns:

country Country name

year Year

population Population

Source

<https://www.who.int/teams/global-tuberculosis-programme/data>

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world_bank_pop *Population data from the world bank*

Description

Data about population from the World Bank.

Usage

```
world_bank_pop
```

Format

A dataset with variables:

country Three letter country code

indicator Indicator name: `SP.POP.GROW` = population growth, `SP.POP.TOTL` = total population, `SP.URB.GROW` = urban population growth, `SP.URB.TOTL` = total urban population

2000-2018 Value for each year

Source

Dataset from the World Bank data bank: <https://data.worldbank.org>

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