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stringi-package      *THE String Processing Package*

## Description

**stringi** is THE R package for fast, correct, consistent, and convenient string/text manipulation. It gives predictable results on every platform, in each locale, and under any “native” character encoding.

**Keywords:** R, text processing, character strings, internationalization, localization, ICU, ICU4C, i18n, l10n, Unicode.

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## Details

Manual pages on general topics:

- [stringi-encoding](#) – character encoding issues, including information on encoding management in **stringi**, as well as on encoding detection and conversion.
- [stringi-locale](#) – locale issues, including locale management and specification in **stringi**, and the list of locale-sensitive operations. In particular, see [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#) for a description of the string collation algorithm, which is used for string comparing, ordering, sorting, case-folding, and searching.
- [stringi-arguments](#) – information on how **stringi** treats its functions’ arguments.

## Facilities available

Refer to the following:

- [stringi-search](#) for string searching facilities; these include pattern searching, matching, string splitting, and so on. The following independent search engines are provided:
  - [stringi-search-regex](#) – with ICU (Java-like) regular expressions,
  - [stringi-search-fixed](#) – fast, locale-independent, bitwise pattern matching,
  - [stringi-search-coll](#) – locale-aware pattern matching for natural language processing tasks,
  - [stringi-search-charclass](#) – seeking elements of particular character classes, like “all whitespaces” or “all digits”,
  - [stringi-search-boundaries](#) – text boundary analysis.
- [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#) for date/time formatting and parsing. Also refer to the links therein for other date/time/time zone- related operations.

- [stri\\_stats\\_general](#) and [stri\\_stats\\_latex](#) for gathering some fancy statistics on a character vector's contents.
- [stri\\_join](#), [stri\\_dup](#), [%s+%](#), and [stri\\_flatten](#) for concatenation-based operations.
- [stri\\_sub](#) for extracting and replacing substrings, and [stri\\_reverse](#) for a joyful function to reverse all code points in a string.
- [stri\\_length](#) (among others) for determining the number of code points in a string. See also [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#) for counting the number of Unicode characters and [stri\\_width](#) for approximating the width of a string.
- [stri\\_trim](#) (among others) for trimming characters from the beginning or/and end of a string, see also [stringi-search-charclass](#), and [stri\\_pad](#) for padding strings so that they are of the same width. Additionally, [stri\\_wrap](#) wraps text into lines.
- [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#) (among others) for case mapping, i.e., conversion to lower, UPPER, or Title Case, [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#) (among others) for Unicode normalization, [stri\\_trans\\_char](#) for translating individual code points, and [stri\\_trans\\_general](#) for other very general yet powerful text transforms, including transliteration.
- [stri\\_cmp](#), [%s<%](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_sort](#), [stri\\_unique](#), and [stri\\_duplicated](#) for collation-based, locale-aware operations, see also [stringi-locale](#).
- [stri\\_split\\_lines](#) (among others) to split a string into text lines.
- [stri\\_escape\\_unicode](#) (among others) for escaping certain code points.
- [stri\\_rand\\_strings](#), [stri\\_rand\\_shuffle](#), and [stri\\_rand\\_lipsum](#) for generating (pseudo)random strings.
- DRAFT API: [stri\\_read\\_raw](#), [stri\\_read\\_lines](#), and [stri\\_write\\_lines](#) for reading and writing text files.

Note that each man page provides many further links to other interesting facilities and topics.

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### References

**stringi** Package homepage, <http://www.gagolewski.com/software/stringi/>  
*ICU – International Components for Unicode*, <http://www.icu-project.org/>  
*ICU4C API Documentation*, <http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/>  
*The Unicode Consortium*, <http://www.unicode.org/>  
*UTF-8, a transformation format of ISO 10646 – RFC 3629*, <http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3629>

### See Also

Other `stringi_general_topics`: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Description

Below we explain how **stringi** deals (in most of the cases) with its functions' arguments.

## Coercion of Arguments

When a character vector argument is expected, factors and other vectors coercible to characters are silently converted with `as.character`, otherwise an error is generated. Coercion from a list of non-atomic vectors each of length 1 issues a warning.

When a logical, numeric or integer vector argument is expected, factors are converted with `as.*(as.character(...))`, and other coercible vectors are converted with `as.*`, otherwise an error is generated.

## Vectorization

Almost all functions are vectorized with respect to all their arguments; This may sometimes lead to strange results - we assume you know what you are doing. However, due to this property you may, e.g., search for one pattern in each given string, or search for each pattern in one given string.

We of course took great care of performance issues: e.g., in regular expression searching, regex matchers are reused from iteration to iteration, as long it is possible.

Functions with some non-vectorized arguments are rare: e.g., regular expression matcher's settings are established once per each call.

Some functions assume that a vector with one element is given as an argument (like collapse in `stri_join`). In such cases, if an empty vector is given you will get an error and for vectors with more than 1 elements - a warning will be generated (only the first element will be used).

You may find details on vectorization behavior in the man pages on each particular function of your interest.

## Handling Missing Values (NAs)

**stringi** handles missing values consistently. For any vectorized operation, if at least one vector element is missing, then the corresponding resulting value is also set to NA.

## Preserving Input Objects' Attributes

Generally, all our functions drop input objects' attributes (e.g., `names`, `dim`, etc.). This is generally because of advanced vectorization and for efficiency reasons. Thus, if arguments' preserving is needed, please remember to copy important attributes manually or use, e.g., the subsetting operation like `x[] <- stri_...(x, ...)`.

## See Also

Other `stringi_general_topics`: [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Description

This man page aims to explain (or at least to cast light on) how **stringi** deals with character strings in various encodings.

In particular you should note that:

- R lets strings in ASCII, UTF-8, and your platform's native encoding coexist peacefully. Character vector output with `print`, `cat` etc. silently reencodes each string so that it can be properly shown e.g. in the R's console.
- Functions in **stringi** process each string internally in Unicode, which is a superset of all character representation schemes. Even if a string is given in the native encoding, i.e. your platform's default one, it will be converted to Unicode (precisely: UTF-8 or UTF-16).
- Most **stringi** functions always return UTF-8 encoded strings, regardless of the input encoding. What is more, the functions have been optimized for UTF-8/ASCII input (they have competitive, if not better performance, especially when doing more complex operations like string comparison, sorting, and even concatenation). Thus, it is best to rely on cascading calls to **stringi** operations solely.

## Details

"Hundreds of encodings have been developed over the years, each for small groups of languages and for special purposes. As a result, the interpretation of text, input, sorting, display, and storage depends on the knowledge of all the different types of character sets and their encodings. Programs have been written to handle either one single encoding at a time and switch between them, or to convert between external and internal encodings."

"Unicode provides a single character set that covers the major languages of the world, and a small number of machine-friendly encoding forms and schemes to fit the needs of existing applications and protocols. It is designed for best interoperability with both ASCII and ISO-8859-1 (the most widely used character sets) to make it easier for Unicode to be used in almost all applications and protocols" (see the ICU User Guide).

The Unicode Standard determines the way to map any possible character to a numeric value – a so-called code point. Such code points, however, have to be stored somehow in computer's memory. The Unicode Standard encodes characters in the range U+0000..U+10FFFF, which amounts to a 21-bit code space. Depending on the encoding form (UTF-8, UTF-16, or UTF-32), each character will then be represented either as a sequence of one to four 8-bit bytes, one or two 16-bit code units, or a single 32-bit integer (compare the ICU FAQ).

In most cases, Unicode is a superset of the characters supported by any given code page.

## UTF-8 and UTF-16

For portability reasons, the UTF-8 encoding is the most natural choice for representing Unicode character strings in R. UTF-8 has ASCII as its subset (code points 1–127 represent the same characters in both of them). Code points larger than 127 are represented by multi-byte sequences (from 2 to 4 bytes: Please note that not all sequences of bytes are valid UTF-8, cf. `stri_enc_isutf8`).

Most of the computations in **stringi** are performed internally using either UTF-8 or UTF-16 encodings (this depends on type of service you request: some **ICU** services are designed only to work with UTF-16). Thanks to such a choice, with **stringi** you get the same result on each platform, which is – unfortunately – not the case of base **R**'s functions (it is for example known that performing a regular expression search under Linux on some texts may give you a different result to those obtained under Windows). We really had portability in our minds while developing our package!

We have observed that **R** correctly handles UTF-8 strings regardless of your platform's native encoding (see below). Therefore, we decided that most functions in **stringi** will output its results in UTF-8 – this speeds up computations on cascading calls to our functions: the strings does not have to be re-encoded each time.

Note that some Unicode characters may have an ambiguous representation. For example, “a with ogonek” (one character) and “a”+“ogonek” (two graphemes) are semantically the same. **stringi** provides functions to normalize character sequences, see [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#) for discussion. However, it is observed that denormalized strings do appear very rarely in typical string processing activities.

Additionally, do note that **stringi** silently removes byte order marks (BOMs - they may incidentally appear in a string read from a text file) from UTF8-encoded strings, see [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#).

## Character Encodings in R

You should keep in mind that data in memory are just bytes (small integer values) – an *encoding* is a way to represent characters with such numbers, it is a semantic "key" to understand a given byte sequence. For example, in ISO-8859-2 (Central European), the value 177 represents Polish “a with ogonek”, and in ISO-8859-1 (Western European), the same value denotes the “plus-minus” sign. Thus, a character encoding is a translation scheme: we need to communicate with **R** somehow, relying on how it represents strings.

Basically, **R** has a very simple encoding marking mechanism, see [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#). There is an implicit assumption that your platform's default (native) encoding is always a superset of ASCII – **stringi** checks that when your native encoding is being detected automatically on **ICU**'s initialization and each time when you change it manually by calling [stri\\_enc\\_set](#).

Character strings in **R** (internally) can be declared to be in:

- UTF-8;
- `latin1`, i.e., either ISO-8859-1 (Western European on Linux, macOS, and other Unixes) or WINDOWS-1252 (Windows);
- `bytes` – for strings that should be manipulated as sequences of bytes.

Moreover, there are two other cases:

- ASCII – for strings consisting only of byte codes not greater than 127;-
- `native` (a.k.a. unknown in [Encoding](#); quite a misleading name: no explicit encoding mark) – for strings that are assumed to be in your platform's native (default) encoding. This can represent UTF-8 if you are an macOS user, or some 8-bit Windows code page, for example. The native encoding used by **R** may be determined by examining the `LC_CTYPE` category, see [Sys.getlocale](#).

Intuitively, “native” strings result from inputting a string e.g. via a keyboard. This makes sense: your operating system works in some encoding and provides **R** with some data.



Each time when a **stringi** function encounters a string declared in native encoding, it assumes that the input data should be translated from the default encoding, i.e. the one returned by `stri_enc_get` (unless you know what you are doing, the default encoding should only be changed if the automatic encoding detection process fails on **stringi** load).

Functions which allow "bytes" encoding markings are very rare in **stringi**, and were carefully selected. These are: `stri_enc_toutf8` (with argument `is_unknown_8bit=TRUE`), `stri_enc_toascii`, and `stri_encode`.

Finally, note that R lets strings in ASCII, UTF-8, and your platform's native encoding coexist peacefully. Character vector printed with `print`, `cat` etc. silently reencodes each string so that it can be properly shown e.g. on the console.

## Encoding Conversion

Apart from automatic conversion from the native encoding, you may re-encode a string manually, for example when you load it from a file saved in a different platform. Call `stri_enc_list` for the list of encodings supported by **ICU**. Note that converter names are case-insensitive and **ICU** tries to normalize the encoding specifiers. Leading zeroes are ignored in sequences of digits (if further digits follow), and all non-alphanumeric characters are ignored. Thus the strings "UTF-8", "utf\_8", "u\*Tf08" and "Utf 8" are equivalent.

The `stri_encode` function allows you to convert between any given encodings (in some cases you will obtain bytes-marked strings, or even lists of raw vectors (i.e. for UTF-16). There are also some useful more specialized functions, like `stri_enc_toutf32` (converts a character vector to a list of integers, where one code point is exactly one numeric value) or `stri_enc_toascii` (substitutes all non-ASCII bytes with the SUBSTITUTE CHARACTER, which plays a similar role as R's NA value).

There are also some routines for automated encoding detection, see e.g. `stri_enc_detect`.

## Encoding Detection

Given a text file, one has to know how to interpret (encode) raw data in order to obtain meaningful information.

Encoding detection is always an imprecise operation and needs a considerable amount of data. However, in case of some encodings (like UTF-8, ASCII, or UTF-32) a "false positive" byte sequence is quite rare (statistically speaking).

Check out `stri_enc_detect` (among others) for a useful function in this category.

## References

*Unicode Basics* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/unicode>

*Conversion* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion>

*Converters* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion/converters> (technical details)

*UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-32 & BOM* – ICU FAQ, [http://www.unicode.org/faq/utf\\_bom.html](http://www.unicode.org/faq/utf_bom.html)

**See Also**

Other `stringi_general_topics`: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other `encoding_management`: [stri\\_enc\\_info](#), [stri\\_enc\\_list](#), [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#), [stri\\_enc\\_set](#)

Other `encoding_detection`: [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf16be](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#)

Other `encoding_conversion`: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stri\\_encode](#)

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stringi-locale

*Locales and stringi*


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**Description**

In this section we explain how we deal with locales in **stringi**. Locale is a fundamental concept in **ICU**. It identifies a specific user community, i.e., a group of users who have similar culture and language expectations for human-computer interaction.

**Details**

Because a locale is just an identifier of a region, no validity check is performed when you specify a Locale. **ICU** is implemented as a set of services. If you want to verify whether particular resources are available in the locale you asked for, you must query those resources. Note: When you ask for a resource for a particular locale, you get back the best available match, not necessarily precisely the one you requested.

**Locale Identifiers**

**ICU** services are parametrized by locale, to deliver culturally correct results. Locales are identified by character strings of the form Language code, Language\_Country code, or Language\_Country\_Variant code, e.g., "en\_US".

The two-letter Language code uses the ISO-639-1 standard, e.g., "en" stands for English, "pl" – Polish, "fr" – French, and "de" for German.

Country is a two-letter code following the ISO-3166 standard. This is to reflect different language conventions within the same language, for example in US-English ("en\_US") and Australian-English ("en\_AU").

Differences may also appear in language conventions used within the same country. For example, the Euro currency may be used in several European countries while the individual country's currency is still in circulation. In such case, **ICU** Variant "\_EURO" could be used for selecting locales that support the Euro currency.

The final (optional) element of a locale is an optional list of keywords together with their values. Keywords must be unique. Their order is not significant. Unknown keywords are ignored. The handling of keywords depends on the specific services that utilize them. Currently, the following keywords are recognized: `calendar`, `colation`, `currency`, and `numbers`, e.g., `fr@collation=phonebook;calendar=islamic-`

is a valid French locale specifier together with keyword arguments. For more information, refer to the ICU user guide.

For a list of locales that are recognized by ICU, call `stri_locale_list`.

### A Note on Default Locales

Each locale-sensitive function in **stringi** selects the current default locale if an empty string or NULL is provided as its `locale` argument. Default locales are available to all the functions: they are initially set to be the system locale on that platform, and may be changed with `stri_locale_set`, for example, if automatic detection fails to recognize your locale properly.

Sometimes it is suggested that your program should avoid changing the default locale: it is not a good way to request an international object, especially only for a single function call. All locale-sensitive functions may request any desired locale per-call (by specifying the `locale` argument), i.e., without referencing to the default locale. During many tests, however, we did not observe any improper behavior of **stringi** while using a modified default locale.

### Locale-Sensitive Functions in stringi

One of many examples of locale-dependent services is the Collator, which performs a locale-aware string comparison. It is used for string comparing, ordering, sorting, and searching. See `stri_opts_collator` for the description on how to tune its settings, and its `locale` argument in particular.

Other locale-sensitive functions include, e.g., `stri_trans_tolower` (that does character case mapping).

### References

*Locale* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/locale>

*ISO 639: Language Codes*, [http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/language\\_codes.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards/language_codes.htm)

*ISO 3166: Country Codes*, [http://www.iso.org/iso/country\\_codes](http://www.iso.org/iso/country_codes)

### See Also

Other `locale_management`: `stri_locale_info`, `stri_locale_list`, `stri_locale_set`

Other `locale_sensitive`: `%s<%`, `stri_compare`, `stri_count_boundaries`, `stri_duplicated`, `stri_enc_detect2`, `stri_extract_all_boundaries`, `stri_locate_all_boundaries`, `stri_opts_collator`, `stri_order`, `stri_split_boundaries`, `stri_trans_tolower`, `stri_unique`, `stri_wrap`, `stringi-search-boundaries`, `stringi-search-coll`

Other `stringi_general_topics`: `stringi-arguments`, `stringi-encoding`, `stringi-package`, `stringi-search-boundaries`, `stringi-search-charclass`, `stringi-search-coll`, `stringi-search-fixed`, `stringi-search-regex`, `stringi-search`

stringi-search

*String Searching***Description**

This man page instructs how to perform string search-based operations in **stringi**.

**Details**

The following independent string searching “engines” are available in **stringi**.

- `stri*_regex` – ICU’s regular expressions, see [stringi-search-regex](#),
- `stri*_fixed` – locale-independent bitwise pattern matching, see [stringi-search-fixed](#),
- `stri*_coll` – ICU’s `StringSearch`, locale-sensitive, Collator-based pattern search, useful for natural language processing tasks, see [stringi-search-coll](#),
- `stri*_charclass` – character classes search, e.g. Unicode General Categories or Binary Properties, see [stringi-search-charclass](#),
- `stri*_boundaries` – text boundary analysis, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#)

Each “engine” is able to perform many search-based operations. These may include:

- `stri_detect_*` - detect if a pattern occurs in a string, see e.g. [stri\\_detect](#),
- `stri_count_*` - count the number of pattern occurrences, see e.g. [stri\\_count](#),
- `stri_locate_*` - locate all, first, or last occurrences of a pattern, see e.g. [stri\\_locate](#),
- `stri_extract_*` - extract all, first, or last occurrences of a pattern, see e.g. [stri\\_extract](#) and, in case of regexes, [stri\\_match](#),
- `stri_replace_*` - replace all, first, or last occurrences of a pattern, see e.g. [stri\\_replace](#) and also [stri\\_trim](#),
- `stri_split_*` - split a string into chunks indicated by occurrences of a pattern, see e.g. [stri\\_split](#),
- `stri_startswith_*` and `stri_endswith_*` detect if a string starts or ends with a pattern match, see e.g. [stri\\_startswith](#),
- `stri_subset_*` - return a subset of a character vector with strings that match a given pattern, see e.g. [stri\\_subset](#).

**See Also**

Other `text_boundaries`: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#)

Other `search_regex`: [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#), [stringi-search-regex](#)

Other `search_fixed`: [stri\\_opts\\_fixed](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#)

Other `search_coll`: [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other search\_charclass: [stri\\_trim\\_both](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#)

Other search\_detect: [stri\\_detect](#), [stri\\_startswith](#)

Other search\_count: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_count](#)

Other search\_locate: [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all](#)

Other search\_replace: [stri\\_replace\\_all](#), [stri\\_replace\\_na](#), [stri\\_trim\\_both](#)

Other search\_split: [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_split](#)

Other search\_subset: [stri\\_subset](#)

Other search\_extract: [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all](#), [stri\\_match\\_all](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#)

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stringi-search-boundaries

*Text Boundary Analysis in **stringi***

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## Description

Text boundary analysis is the process of locating linguistic boundaries while formatting and handling text.

## Details

Examples of the boundary analysis process include:

- Locating appropriate points to word-wrap text to fit within specific margins while displaying or printing, see [stri\\_wrap](#) and [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#).
- Counting characters, words, sentences, or paragraphs, see [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#).
- Making a list of the unique words in a document, cf. [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_words](#) and then [stri\\_unique](#).
- Capitalizing the first letter of each word or sentence, see also [stri\\_trans\\_totitle](#).
- Locating a particular unit of the text (for example, finding the third word in the document), see [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#).

Generally, text boundary analysis is a locale-dependent operation. For example, in Japanese and Chinese one does not separate words with spaces - a line break can occur even in the middle of a word. These languages have punctuation and diacritical marks that cannot start or end a line, so this must also be taken into account.

**stringi** uses ICU's BreakIterator to locate specific text boundaries. Note that the BreakIterator's behavior may be controlled in some cases, see [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#).

- The character boundary iterator tries to match what a user would think of as a “character” – a basic unit of a writing system for a language – which may be more than just a single Unicode code point.

- The word boundary iterator locates the boundaries of words, for purposes such as “Find whole words” operations.
- The line\_break iterator locates positions that would be appropriate points to wrap lines when displaying the text.
- On the other hand, a break iterator of type sentence locates sentence boundaries.

For technical details on different classes of text boundaries refer to the **ICU** User Guide, see below.

## References

*Boundary Analysis* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/boundaryanalysis>

## See Also

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stringi-search-charclass

*Character Classes in stringi*

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## Description

In this man page we describe how character classes are declared in the **stringi** package so that you may e.g. find their occurrences in your search activities or generate random code points with [stri\\_rand\\_strings](#). Moreover, the **ICU** regex engine uses the same scheme for denoting character classes.

## Details

All `stri_*_charclass` functions in **stringi** perform a single character (i.e. Unicode code point) search-based operations. Since `stringi_0.2-1` you may obtain roughly the same results using [stringi-search-regex](#). However, these very functions aim to be faster.

Character classes are defined using **ICU**'s `UnicodeSet` patterns. Below we briefly summarize their syntax. For more details refer to the bibliographic References below.

UnicodeSet **patterns**

A UnicodeSet represents a subset of Unicode code points (recall that **stringi** converts strings in your native encoding to Unicode automatically). Legal code points are U+0000 to U+10FFFF, inclusive.

Patterns either consist of series of characters either bounded by square brackets (such patterns follow a syntax similar to that employed by version 8 regular expression character classes) or of Perl-like Unicode property set specifiers.

[] denotes an empty set, [a] – a set consisting of character “a”, [\u0105] – a set with character U+0105, and [abc] – a set with “a”, “b”, and “c”.

[a-z] denotes a set consisting of characters “a” through “z” inclusively, in Unicode code point order.

Some set-theoretic operations are available. ^ denotes the complement, e.g. [^a-z] contains all characters but “a” through “z”. On the other hand, [[pat1][pat2]], [[pat1]&[pat2]], and [[pat1]-[pat2]] denote union, intersection, and asymmetric difference of sets specified by pat1 and pat2, respectively.

Note that all white spaces are ignored unless they are quoted or backslashed (white spaces can be freely used for clarity, as [a c d-f m] means the same as [acd-fm]). **stringi** does not allow for including so-called multicharacter strings (see UnicodeSet API documentation). Also, empty string patterns are disallowed.

Any character may be preceded by a backslash in order to remove any special meaning.

A malformed pattern always results in an error.

Set expressions at a glance (according to <http://userguide.icu-project.org/strings/regexp>):

Some examples:

[abc] Match any of the characters a, b or c.

[^abc] Negation – match any character except a, b or c.

[A-M] Range – match any character from A to M. The characters to include are determined by Unicode code point ordering.

[\u0000-\u0010ffff] Range – match all characters.

[\p{Letter}] **or** [\p{General\_Category=Letter}] **or** [\p{L}] Characters with Unicode Category = Letter. All forms shown are equivalent.

[\P{Letter}] Negated property. (Upper case \P) Match everything except Letters.

[\p{numeric\_value=9}] Match all numbers with a numeric value of 9. Any Unicode Property may be used in set expressions.

[\p{Letter}&&\p{script=cyrillic}] Logical AND or intersection – match the set of all Cyrillic letters.

[\p{Letter}--\p{script=latin}] Subtraction – match all non-Latin letters.

[[a-z][A-Z][0-9]] **or** [a-zA-Z0-9] Implicit Logical OR or Union of Sets – the examples match ASCII letters and digits. The two forms are equivalent.

[:script=Greek:] Alternate POSIX-like syntax for properties – equivalent to \p{script=Greek}.

## Unicode properties

Unicode property sets are specified with a POSIX-like syntax, e.g. `[Letter:]`, or with a (extended) Perl-style syntax, e.g. `\p{L}`. The complements of the above sets are `[^Letter:]` and `\P{L}`, respectively.

The properties' names are normalized before matching (for example, the match is case-insensitive). Moreover, many names have short aliases.

Among predefined Unicode properties we find e.g.

- Unicode General Categories, e.g. `Lu` for uppercase letters,
- Unicode Binary Properties, e.g. `WHITE_SPACE`,

and many more (including Unicode scripts).

Each property provides access to the large and comprehensive Unicode Character Database. Generally, the list of properties available in **ICU** is not perfectly documented. Please refer to the References section for some links.

Please note that some classes may seem to overlap. However, e.g. General Category `Z` (some space) and Binary Property `WHITE_SPACE` matches different character sets.

## Unicode General Categories

The Unicode General Category property of a code point provides the most general classification of that code point. Each code point falls into one and only one Category.

`Cc` a C0 or C1 control code.

`Cf` a format control character.

`Cn` a reserved unassigned code point or a non-character.

`Co` a private-use character.

`Cs` a surrogate code point.

`Lc` the union of `Lu`, `Ll`, `Lt`.

`Ll` a lowercase letter.

`Lm` a modifier letter.

`Lo` other letters, including syllables and ideographs.

`Lt` a digraphic character, with first part uppercase.

`Lu` an uppercase letter.

`Mc` a spacing combining mark (positive advance width).

`Me` an enclosing combining mark.

`Mn` a non-spacing combining mark (zero advance width).

`Nd` a decimal digit.

`Nl` a letter-like numeric character.

`No` a numeric character of other type.

`Pd` a dash or hyphen punctuation mark.

`Ps` an opening punctuation mark (of a pair).



- Pe a closing punctuation mark (of a pair).
- Pc a connecting punctuation mark, like a tie.
- Po a punctuation mark of other type.
- Pi an initial quotation mark.
- Pf a final quotation mark.
- Sm a symbol of mathematical use.
- Sc a currency sign.
- Sk a non-letter-like modifier symbol.
- So a symbol of other type.
- Zs a space character (of non-zero width).
- Zl U+2028 LINE SEPARATOR only.
- Zp U+2029 PARAGRAPH SEPARATOR only.
- C the union of Cc, Cf, Cs, Co, Cn.
- L the union of Lu, Ll, Lt, Lm, Lo.
- M the union of Mn, Mc, Me.
- N the union of Nd, Nl, No.
- P the union of Pc, Pd, Ps, Pe, Pi, Pf, Po.
- S the union of Sm, Sc, Sk, So.
- Z the union of Zs, Zl, Zp

### Unicode Binary Properties

Each character may follow many Binary Properties at a time.

Here is a comprehensive list of supported Binary Properties:

- ALPHABETIC alphabetic character.
- ASCII\_HEX\_DIGIT a character matching the `[0-9A-Fa-f]` charclass.
- BIDI\_CONTROL a format control which have specific functions in the Bidi (bidirectional text) Algorithm.
- BIDI\_MIRRORED a character that may change display in right-to-left text.
- DASH a kind of a dash character.
- DEFAULT\_IGNOREABLE\_CODE\_POINT characters that are ignorable in most text processing activities, e.g. `<2060..206F, FFF0..FFFB, E0000..E0FFF>`.
- DEPRECATED a deprecated character according to the current Unicode standard (the usage of deprecated characters is strongly discouraged).
- DIACRITIC a character that linguistically modifies the meaning of another character to which it applies.
- EXTENDER a character that extends the value or shape of a preceding alphabetic character, e.g. a length and iteration mark.
- HEX\_DIGIT a character commonly used for hexadecimal numbers, cf. also ASCII\_HEX\_DIGIT.

HYPHEN a dash used to mark connections between pieces of words, plus the Katakana middle dot.  
 ID\_CONTINUE a character that can continue an identifier, ID\_START+Mn+Mc+Nd+Pc.  
 ID\_START a character that can start an identifier, Lu+Ll+Lt+Lm+Lo+Nl.  
 IDEOGRAPHIC a CJKV (Chinese-Japanese-Korean-Vietnamese) ideograph.  
 LOWERCASE  
 MATH  
 NONCHARACTER\_CODE\_POINT  
 QUOTATION\_MARK  
 SOFT\_DOTTED a character with a “soft dot”, like i or j, such that an accent placed on this character causes the dot to disappear.  
 TERMINAL\_PUNCTUATION a punctuation character that generally marks the end of textual units.  
 UPPERCASE  
 WHITE\_SPACE a space character or TAB or CR or LF or ZWSP or ZWNBSPP.  
 CASE\_SENSITIVE  
 POSIX\_ALNUM  
 POSIX\_BLANK  
 POSIX\_GRAPH  
 POSIX\_PRINT  
 POSIX\_XDIGIT  
 CASED  
 CASE\_IGNOREABLE  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_LOWERCASED  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_UPPERCASED  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_TITLECASED  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_CASEFOLDED  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_CASEMAPPED  
 CHANGES\_WHEN\_NFKC\_CASEFOLDED  
 EMOJI Since ICU 57  
 EMOJI\_PRESENTATION Since ICU 57  
 EMOJI\_MODIFIER Since ICU 57  
 EMOJI\_MODIFIER\_BASE Since ICU 57

### POSIX Character Classes

Beware of using POSIX character classes, e.g. `[:punct:]`. ICU User Guide (see below) states that in general they are not well-defined, so may end up with something different than you expect.

In particular, in POSIX-like regex engines, `[:punct:]` stands for the character class corresponding to the `ispunct()` classification function (check out `man 3 ispunct` on UNIX-like systems). According to ISO/IEC 9899:1990 (ISO C90), the `ispunct()` function tests for any printing character except for space or a character for which `isalnum()` is true. However, in a POSIX setting, the details of what characters belong into which class depend on the current locale. So the `[:punct:]` class does not lead to portable code (again, in POSIX-like regex engines).

So a POSIX flavor of `[:punct:]` is more like `[\p{P}\p{S}]` in ICU. You have been warned.

## References

*The Unicode Character Database* – Unicode Standard Annex #44, <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/>

*UnicodeSet* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/strings/unicodeset>

*Properties* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/strings/properties>

*C/POSIX Migration* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/posix>

*Unicode Script Data*, <http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/Scripts.txt>

*icu::UnicodeSet Class Reference* – ICU4C API Documentation, [http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu\\_1\\_1UnicodeSet.html](http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu_1_1UnicodeSet.html)

## See Also

Other search\_charclass: [stri\\_trim\\_both](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stringi-search-coll    *Locale-Sensitive Text Searching in stringi*

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## Description

String searching facilities described in this very man page provide a way to locate a specific piece of text. Note that locale-sensitive searching, especially on a non-English text, is a much more complex process than it seems at the first glance.

## Locale-Aware String Search Engine

All `stri*_coll` functions in **stringi** utilize ICU’s StringSearch engine – which implements a locale-sensitive string search algorithm. The matches are defined by using the notion of “canonical equivalence” between strings.

Tuning the Collator’s parameters allows you to perform correct matching that properly takes into account accented letters, conjoined letters, ignorable punctuation and letter case.

For more information on ICU’s Collator and the search engine and how to tune it up in **stringi**, refer to [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#).

Please note that ICU’s StringSearch-based functions often exhibit poor performance. These functions are not intended to be fast; they are made to give *correct* in natural language processing tasks.

## References

*ICU String Search Service* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation/icu-string-search-service>

L. Werner, *Efficient Text Searching in Java*, 1999, [http://icu-project.org/docs/papers/efficient\\_text\\_searching\\_in\\_java.html](http://icu-project.org/docs/papers/efficient_text_searching_in_java.html)

**See Also**

Other search\_coll: [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stringi-search-fixed    *Locale-Insensitive Fixed Pattern Matching in stringi*

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**Description**

String searching facilities described in this very man page provide a way to locate a specific sequence of bytes in a string. Fixed pattern search engine's settings may be tuned up (for example to perform case-insensitive search), see the [stri\\_opts\\_fixed](#) function for more details.

**Byte Compare**

The Knuth-Morris-Pratt search algorithm, with worst time complexity of  $O(n+p)$  ( $n == \text{length}(\text{str})$ ,  $p == \text{length}(\text{pattern})$ ) is utilized (with some tweaks for very short search patterns). For natural language processing, however, this is not what you probably want. It is because a bitwise match will not give correct results in cases of:

1. accented letters;
2. conjoined letters;
3. ignorable punctuation;
4. ignorable case,

see also [stringi-search-coll](#).

Note that the conversion of input data to Unicode is done as usual.

**See Also**

Other search\_fixed: [stri\\_opts\\_fixed](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Description

A regular expression is a pattern describing, possibly in a very abstract way, a text fragment. With so many regex functions in **stringi**, regular expressions may be a very powerful tool in your hand to perform string searching, substring extraction, string splitting, etc., tasks.

## Details

All `stri_*_regex` functions in **stringi** use the **ICU** regex engine. Its settings may be tuned up (for example to perform case-insensitive search), see the [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#) function for more details.

Regular expression patterns in **ICU** are quite similar in form and behavior to Perl's regexes. Their implementation is loosely inspired by JDK 1.4 `java.util.regex`. **ICU** Regular Expressions conform to the Unicode Technical Standard #18 (see References section) and its features are summarized in the ICU User Guide (see below). A good general introduction to regexes is (Friedl, 2002). Some general topics are also covered in the **R** manual, see [regex](#).

## ICU Regex Operators at a Glance

Here is a list of operators provided by the ICU User Guide on regexes.

- | Alternation. A|B matches either A or B.
- \* Match 0 or more times. Match as many times as possible.
- + Match 1 or more times. Match as many times as possible.
- ? Match zero or one times. Prefer one.
- {n} Match exactly n times.
- {n,} Match at least n times. Match as many times as possible.
- {n,m} Match between n and m times. Match as many times as possible, but not more than m.
- \*? Match 0 or more times. Match as few times as possible.
- +? Match 1 or more times. Match as few times as possible.
- ?? Match zero or one times. Prefer zero.
- {n}? Match exactly n times.
- {n,}? Match at least n times, but no more than required for an overall pattern match.
- {n,m}? Match between n and m times. Match as few times as possible, but not less than n.
- \*+ Match 0 or more times. Match as many times as possible when first encountered, do not retry with fewer even if overall match fails (Possessive Match).
- ++ Match 1 or more times. Possessive match.
- ?+ Match zero or one times. Possessive match.
- {n}+ Match exactly n times.

- `{n, }+` Match at least *n* times. Possessive Match.
- `{n, m}+` Match between *n* and *m* times. Possessive Match.
- `(...)` Capturing parentheses. Range of input that matched the parenthesized subexpression is available after the match, see [stri\\_match](#).
- `(?:...)` Non-capturing parentheses. Groups the included pattern, but does not provide capturing of matching text. Somewhat more efficient than capturing parentheses.
- `(?>...)` Atomic-match parentheses. First match of the parenthesized subexpression is the only one tried; if it does not lead to an overall pattern match, back up the search for a match to a position before the `(?>`.
- `(?#...)` Free-format comment (`?# comment` ).
- `(?=...)` Look-ahead assertion. True if the parenthesized pattern matches at the current input position, but does not advance the input position.
- `(?!...)` Negative look-ahead assertion. True if the parenthesized pattern does not match at the current input position. Does not advance the input position.
- `(?<=...)` Look-behind assertion. True if the parenthesized pattern matches text preceding the current input position, with the last character of the match being the input character just before the current position. Does not alter the input position. The length of possible strings matched by the look-behind pattern must not be unbounded (no `*` or `+` operators.)
- `(?!...)` Negative Look-behind assertion. True if the parenthesized pattern does not match text preceding the current input position, with the last character of the match being the input character just before the current position. Does not alter the input position. The length of possible strings matched by the look-behind pattern must not be unbounded (no `*` or `+` operators.)
- `(?<name>...)` Named capture group. The `<angle brackets>` are literal - they appear in the pattern.
- `(?ismwx-ismwx:...)` Flag settings. Evaluate the parenthesized expression with the specified flags enabled or -disabled, see also [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#).
- `(?ismwx-ismwx)` Flag settings. Change the flag settings. Changes apply to the portion of the pattern following the setting. For example, `(?i)` changes to a case insensitive match, see also [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#).

### ICU Regex Metacharacters at a Glance

Here is a list of metacharacters provided by the ICU User Guide on regexes.

- `\a` Match a BELL, `\u0007`.
- `\A` Match at the beginning of the input. Differs from `^`. in that `\A` will not match after a new line within the input.
- `\b` Match if the current position is a word boundary. Boundaries occur at the transitions between word (`\w`) and non-word (`\W`) characters, with combining marks ignored. For better word boundaries, see [ICU Boundary Analysis](#), e.g. [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_words](#).
- `\B` Match if the current position is not a word boundary.
- `\cX` Match a control-*X* character.
- `\d` Match any character with the Unicode General Category of Nd (Number, Decimal Digit).

- `\D` Match any character that is not a decimal digit.
- `\e` Match an ESCAPE, `\u001B`.
- `\E` Terminates a `\Q ... \E` quoted sequence.
- `\f` Match a FORM FEED, `\u000C`.
- `\G` Match if the current position is at the end of the previous match.
- `\h` Match a Horizontal White Space character. They are characters with Unicode General Category of `Space_Separator` plus the ASCII tab, `\u0009`. [Since ICU 55]
- `\H` Match a non-Horizontal White Space character. [Since ICU 55]
- `\k<name>` Named Capture Back Reference. [Since ICU 55]
- `\n` Match a LINE FEED, `\u000A`.
- `\N{UNICODE CHARACTER NAME}` Match the named character.
- `\p{UNICODE PROPERTY NAME}` Match any character with the specified Unicode Property.
- `\P{UNICODE PROPERTY NAME}` Match any character not having the specified Unicode Property.
- `\Q` Quotes all following characters until `\E`.
- `\r` Match a CARRIAGE RETURN, `\u000D`.
- `\s` Match a white space character. White space is defined as `[\t\n\f\r\p{Z}]`.
- `\S` Match a non-white space character.
- `\t` Match a HORIZONTAL TABULATION, `\u0009`.
- `\uhhhh` Match the character with the hex value `hhhh`.
- `\Uhhhhhhhh` Match the character with the hex value `hhhhhhhh`. Exactly eight hex digits must be provided, even though the largest Unicode code point is `\U0010ffff`.
- `\w` Match a word character. Word characters are `[\p{Alphabetic}\p{Mark}\p{Decimal_Number}\p{Connector_Punctuation}]`.
- `\W` Match a non-word character.
- `\x{hhhh}` Match the character with hex value `hhhh`. From one to six hex digits may be supplied.
- `\xhh` Match the character with two digit hex value `hh`
- `\X` Match a Grapheme Cluster.
- `\Z` Match if the current position is at the end of input, but before the final line terminator, if one exists.
- `\z` Match if the current position is at the end of input.
- `\n` Back Reference. Match whatever the `n`th capturing group matched. `n` must be a number `> 1` and `<` total number of capture groups in the pattern.
- `\0ooo` Match an Octal character. `'ooo'` is from one to three octal digits. `0377` is the largest allowed Octal character. The leading zero is required; it distinguishes Octal constants from back references.
- `[pattern]` Match any one character from the set.
- `.` Match any character except for - by default - newline, compare `stri_opts_regex`.
- `^` Match at the beginning of a line.
- `$` Match at the end of a line.

\ [outside of sets] Quotes the following character. Characters that must be quoted to be treated as literals are \* ? + [ ( ) { } ^ \$ | \ ..

\ [inside sets] Quotes the following character. Characters that must be quoted to be treated as literals are [ ] \; Characters that may need to be quoted, depending on the context are - &.

For information on how to define character classes in regexes, refer to [stringi-search-charclass](#).

## Regex Functions in stringi

Note that if a given regex pattern is empty, then all functions in **stringi** give NA in result and generate a warning. On a syntax error, a quite informative failure message is shown.

If you would like to search for a fixed pattern, refer to [stringi-search-coll](#) or [stringi-search-fixed](#). This allows to do a locale-aware text lookup, or a very fast exact-byte search, respectively.

## References

*Regular expressions* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/strings/regexp>

J.E.F. Friedl, *Mastering Regular Expressions*, O'Reilly, 2002

*Unicode Regular Expressions* – Unicode Technical Standard #18, <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr18/>

*Unicode Regular Expressions* – Regex tutorial, <http://www.regular-expressions.info/unicode.html>

## See Also

Other search\_regex: [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other stringi\_general\_topics: [stringi-arguments](#), [stringi-encoding](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-package](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stri\_compare

*Compare Strings with or without Collation*

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## Description

These functions may be used to determine if two strings are equal, canonically equivalent (this is performed in a much more clever fashion than when testing for equality), or to check whether they appear in a specific lexicographic order.



**Usage**

```

stri_compare(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_eq(e1, e2)

stri_cmp_neq(e1, e2)

stri_cmp_equiv(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_nequiv(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_lt(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_gt(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_le(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_cmp_ge(e1, e2, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

e1, e2	character vectors or objects coercible to character vectors
...	additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code>
opts_collator	a named list with <b>ICU Collator's</b> options as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , NULL for default collation options.

**Details**

All the functions listed here are vectorized over `e1` and `e2`.

`stri_cmp_eq` tests whether two corresponding strings consist of exactly the same code points, while `stri_cmp_neq` allow to check whether there is any difference between them. These are locale-independent operations: for natural language text processing, in which the notion of canonical equivalence is more valid, this might not be exactly what you are looking for, see [Examples](#). Please note that **stringi** always silently removes UTF-8 BOMs from input strings, so e.g. `stri_cmp_eq` does not take BOMs into account while comparing strings.

On the other hand, `stri_cmp_equiv` tests for canonical equivalence of two strings and is locale-dependent. Additionally, the **ICU's** Collator may be tuned up so that e.g. the comparison is case-insensitive. To test whether two strings are not canonically equivalent, call `stri_cmp_nequiv`.

What is more, `stri_cmp_le` tests whether the elements in the first vector are less than or equal to the corresponding elements in the second vector, `stri_cmp_ge` tests whether they are greater or equal, `stri_cmp_lt` if less, and `stri_cmp_gt` if greater, see also e.g. `%s<%`.

Finally, `stri_compare` is an alias to `stri_cmp`. They both perform exactly the same locale-dependent operation. Both functions provide a C library's `strcmp()` look-and-feel, see [Value](#) for details.

For more information on ICU's Collator and how to tune it up in **stringi**, refer to [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#). Please note that different locale settings may lead to different results (see the examples below).

### Value

The `stri_cmp` and `stri_compare` functions return an integer vector with comparison results of corresponding pairs of elements in `e1` and `e2`: `-1` if `e1[...] < e2[...]`, `0` if they are canonically equivalent, and `1` if greater.

The other functions return a logical vector that indicates whether a given relation holds between two corresponding elements in `e1` and `e2`.

### References

*Collation* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation>

### See Also

Other locale\_sensitive: `%s<%`, [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

### Examples

```
# in Polish ch < h:
stri_cmp_lt("hładny", "chładny", locale="pl_PL")

# in Slovak ch > h:
stri_cmp_lt("hładny", "chładny", locale="sk_SK")

# < or > (depends on locale):
stri_cmp("hładny", "chładny")

# ignore case differences:
stri_cmp_equiv("hładny", "HLADNY", strength=2)

# also ignore diacritical differences:
stri_cmp_equiv("hładn\u00FD", "hładny", strength=1, locale="sk_SK")

# non-Unicode-normalized vs normalized string:
stri_cmp_equiv(stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105"), "\u105")

# note the difference:
stri_cmp_eq(stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105"), "\u105")

# ligatures:
stri_cmp_equiv("\ufb00", "ff", strength=2)

# phonebook collation
stri_cmp_equiv("G\u00e4rtner", "Gaertner", locale="de_DE@collation=phonebook", strength=1L)
stri_cmp_equiv("G\u00e4rtner", "Gaertner", locale="de_DE", strength=1L)
```

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stri_count	<i>Count the Number of Pattern Matches</i>
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## Description

These functions count the number of occurrences of a pattern in a string.

## Usage

```
stri_count(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_count_charclass(str, pattern)
```

```
stri_count_coll(str, pattern, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

```
stri_count_fixed(str, pattern, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)
```

```
stri_count_regex(str, pattern, ..., opts_regex = NULL)
```

## Arguments

str	character vector with strings to search in
...	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
pattern, regex, fixed, coll, charclass	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
opts_collator, opts_fixed, opts_regex	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

## Details

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

If `pattern` is empty, then the result is NA and a warning is generated.

`stri_count` is a convenience function. It calls either `stri_count_regex`, `stri_count_fixed`, `stri_count_coll`, or `stri_count_charclass`, depending on the argument used; relying on one of those underlying functions will be faster.

## Value

All the functions return an integer vector.

## See Also

Other search\_count: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```

s <- "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit."
stri_count(s, fixed="dolor")
stri_count(s, regex="\\p{L}+")

stri_count_fixed(s, " ")
stri_count_fixed(s, "o")
stri_count_fixed(s, "it")
stri_count_fixed(s, letters)
stri_count_fixed("babab", "b")
stri_count_fixed(c("stringi", "123"), "string")

stri_count_charclass(c("stRRRringi", "STrrrINGI", "123"),
  c("\\p{Ll}", "\\p{Lu}", "\\p{Zs}"))
stri_count_charclass(" \\t\\n", "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}") # white space - binary property
stri_count_charclass(" \\t\\n", "\\p{Z}") # whitespace - general category (note the difference)

stri_count_regex(s, "(s|e|l)it")
stri_count_regex(s, "i.i")
stri_count_regex(s, ".it")
stri_count_regex("bab baab baaab", c("b.*?b", "b.b"))
stri_count_regex(c("stringi", "123"), "^s|1)")

```

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stri\_count\_boundaries *Count the Number of Text Boundaries*

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**Description**

This function determines the number of specific text boundaries (like character, word, line, or sentence boundaries) in a string.

**Usage**

```
stri_count_boundaries(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

```
stri_count_words(str, locale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector or an object coercible to
...	additional settings for <code>opts_brkiter</code>
opts_brkiter	a named list with ICU BreakIterator's settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_brkiter</a> ; NULL for default break iterator, i.e. <code>line_break</code>
locale	NULL or "" for text boundary analysis following the conventions of the default locale, or a single string with locale identifier, see <a href="#">stringi-locale</a>

## Details

Vectorized over `str`.

For more information on the text boundary analysis performed by ICU's BreakIterator, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#).

In case of `stri_count_words`, just like in [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_words](#) and [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_words](#), ICU's word BreakIterator iterator is used to locate word boundaries, and all non-word characters (UBRK\_WORD\_NONE rule status) are ignored. This is function is equivalent to a call to [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#)(`str`, `type="w`

Note that a BreakIterator of type character may be used to count the number of *Unicode characters* in a string. This may lead to different results than that returned by the [stri\\_length](#) function, which is designed to return the number of *Unicode code points*.

On the other hand, a BreakIterator of type sentence may be used to count the number of sentences in a piece of text.

## Value

Both functions return an integer vector.

## See Also

Other search\_count: [stri\\_count](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Examples

```
test <- "The\u00a0above-mentioned features are very useful. Warm thanks to their developers."
stri_count_boundaries(test, type="word")
stri_count_boundaries(test, type="sentence")
stri_count_boundaries(test, type="character")
stri_count_words(test)
```

```
test2 <- stri_trans_nfkd("\u03c0\u0153\u0119\u00a9\u00df\u2190\u2193\u2192")
stri_count_boundaries(test2, type="character")
stri_length(test2)
stri_numbytes(test2)
```

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stri\_datetime\_add      *Date and Time Arithmetic*

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### Description

Modifies a date-time object by adding a specific amount of time units.

### Usage

```
stri_datetime_add(time, value = 1L, units = "seconds", tz = NULL,
  locale = NULL)

stri_datetime_add(time, units = "seconds", tz = NULL,
  locale = NULL) <- value
```

### Arguments

time	an object of class <code>POSIXct</code> or an object coercible to
value	integer vector; signed number of units to add to time
units	single string; one of "years", "months", "weeks", "days", "hours", "minutes", "seconds", or "milliseconds"
tz	NULL or "" for the default time zone or a single string with a timezone identifier,
locale	NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier; a non-Gregorian calendar may be specified by setting the @calendar=name keyword

### Details

Vectorized over time and value.

Note that e.g. January, 31 + 1 month = February, 28 or 29.

### Value

Both functions return an object of class `POSIXct`.

The replacement version of `stri_datetime_add` modifies the state of the time object.

### References

*Calendar Classes* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/datetime/calendar>

### See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- stri_datetime_now()
stri_datetime_add(x, units="months") <- 2
print(x)
stri_datetime_add(x, -2, units="months")
stri_datetime_add(stri_datetime_create(2014, 4, 20), 1, units="years")
stri_datetime_add(stri_datetime_create(2014, 4, 20), 1, units="years", locale="@calendar=hebrew")

stri_datetime_add(stri_datetime_create(2016, 1, 31), 1, units="months")
```

---

stri\_datetime\_create *Create a Date-Time Object*

---

**Description**

This function constructs date-time objects from numeric representations.

**Usage**

```
stri_datetime_create(year, month, day, hour = 12L, minute = 0L,
  second = 0, lenient = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

year	integer vector; 0 is 1BC, -1 is 2BC, etc.
month	integer vector; months are 1-based
day	integer vector
hour	integer vector
minute	integer vector
second	numeric vector; fractional seconds are allowed
lenient	single logical value; should the operation be lenient?
tz	NULL or "" for the default time zone or a single string with time zone identifier, see <a href="#">stri_timezone_list</a>
locale	NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier; a non-Gregorian calendar may be specified by setting @calendar=name keyword

**Details**

Vectorized over year, month, hour, hour, minute, and second.

**Value**

Returns an object of class [POSIXct](#).

**See Also**

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_datetime_create(2015, 12, 31, 23, 59, 59.999)
stri_datetime_create(5775, 8, 1, locale="@calendar=hebrew") # 1 Nisan 5775 -> 2015-03-21
stri_datetime_create(2015, 02, 29)
stri_datetime_create(2015, 02, 29, lenient=TRUE)
```

---

stri\_datetime\_fields *Get Values for Date and Time Fields*

---

**Description**

Calculates and returns values for all date and time fields.

**Usage**

```
stri_datetime_fields(time, tz = attr(time, "tzone"), locale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

time	an object of class <a href="#">POSIXct</a> or an object coercible to
tz	NULL or "" for the default time zone or a single string with time zone identifier, see <a href="#">stri_timezone_list</a>
locale	NULL or "" for the current default locale, or a single string with locale identifier; a non-Gregorian calendar may be specified by setting @calendar=name keyword

**Details**

Vectorized over time.

**Value**

Returns a data frame with the following columns:

1. Year (0 is 1BC, -1 is 2BC, etc.)
2. Month (1-based, i.e. 1 stands for the first month, e.g. January; note that the number of months depends on the selected calendar, see [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#))
3. Day
4. Hour (24-h clock)
5. Minute
6. Second



7. Millisecond
8. WeekOfYear (this is locale-dependent)
9. WeekOfMonth (this is locale-dependent)
10. DayOfYear
11. DayOfWeek (1-based, 1 denotes Sunday; see [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#))
12. Hour12 (12-h clock)
13. AmPm (see [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#))
14. Era (see [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#))

### See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

### Examples

```
stri_datetime_fields(stri_datetime_now())
stri_datetime_fields(stri_datetime_now(), locale="@calendar=hebrew")
stri_datetime_symbols(locale="@calendar=hebrew")$Month[
  stri_datetime_fields(stri_datetime_now(), locale="@calendar=hebrew")$Month
]
```

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stri\_datetime\_format *Date and Time Formatting and Parsing*

---

### Description

These functions convert a given date/time object to a character vector or conversely.

### Usage

```
stri_datetime_format(time, format = "uuuu-MM-dd HH:mm:ss", tz = NULL,
  locale = NULL)
```

```
stri_datetime_parse(str, format = "uuuu-MM-dd HH:mm:ss", lenient = FALSE,
  tz = NULL, locale = NULL)
```

### Arguments

time	an object of class <a href="#">POSIXct</a> or an object coercible to
format	single string, see Details; see also <a href="#">stri_datetime_fstr</a>
tz	NULL or "" for the default time zone or a single string with a timezone identifier, see <a href="#">stri_timezone_list</a>

locale	NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier; a non-Gregorian calendar may be specified by setting the @calendar=name keyword
str	character vector
lenient	single logical value; should date/time parsing be lenient?
...	Further arguments to be passed from or to other methods.

## Details

Vectorized over time or str.

By default, stri\_datetime\_format (unlike format.POSIXst) formats a date/time object using the current default time zone. This is for the sake of compatibility with the [strftime](#) function.

format may be one of DT\_STYLE or DT\_relative\_STYLE, where DT is equal to date, time, and datetime, and STYLE is equal to full, long, medium, or short. This gives a locale-dependent date and/or time format. Note that currently **ICU** does not support relative time formats, so this flag is currently ignored in such a context.

Otherwise, format is a pattern: a string, where specific sequences of characters are replaced with date and time data from a calendar when formatting or used to generate data for a calendar when parsing. For example, y stands for the year. Characters may be used multiple times. For instance, if y is used for the year, yy might produce 99, whereas yyyy produces 1999. For most numerical fields, the number of characters specifies the field width. For example, if h is the hour, h might produce 5, but hh produces 05. For some characters, the count specifies whether an abbreviated or full form should be used, but may have other choices, as given below.

Two single quotes represent a literal single quote, either inside or outside single quotes. Text within single quotes is not interpreted in any way (except for two adjacent single quotes). Otherwise all ASCII letter from a to z and A to Z are reserved as syntax characters, and require quoting if they are to represent literal characters. In addition, certain ASCII punctuation characters may become variable in the future (eg : being interpreted as the time separator and / as a date separator, and replaced by respective locale-sensitive characters in display).

Symbol	Meaning	Example(s)	Output
G	era designator	G, GG, or GGG GGGG GGGGG	AD Anno Domini A
y	year	yy y or yyyy	96 1996
u	extended year	u	4601
U	cyclic year name, as in Chinese lunar calendar	U	
r	related Gregorian year	r	1996
Q	quarter	Q or QQ QQQ QQQQ QQQQQ	02 Q2 2nd quarter 2
q	Stand Alone quarter	q or qq qqq qqqq qqqqq	02 Q2 2nd quarter 2
M	month in year	M or MM	09

		MMM	Sep
		MMMM	September
		MMMMMM	S
L	Stand Alone month in year	L or LL	09
		LLL	Sep
		LLLL	September
		LLLLL	S
w	week of year	w or ww	27
W	week of month	W	2
d	day in month	d	2
		dd	02
D	day of year	D	189
F	day of week in month	F	2 (2nd Wed in July)
g	modified Julian day	g	2451334
E	day of week	E, EE, or EEE	Tue
		EEEE	Tuesday
		EEEEE	T
		EEEEEE	Tu
e	local day of week example: if Monday is 1st day, Tuesday is 2nd )	e or ee	2
		eee	Tue
		eeee	Tuesday
		eeeee	T
		eeeeee	Tu
c	Stand Alone local day of week	c or cc	2
		ccc	Tue
		cccc	Tuesday
		ccccc	T
		cccccc	Tu
a	am/pm marker	a	pm
h	hour in am/pm (1~12)	h	7
		hh	07
H	hour in day (0~23)	H	0
		HH	00
k	hour in day (1~24)	k	24
		kk	24
K	hour in am/pm (0~11)	K	0
		KK	00
m	minute in hour	m	4
		mm	04
s	second in minute	s	5
		ss	05
S	fractional second - truncates (like other time fields) to the count of letters when formatting. Appends zeros if more than 3 letters specified. Truncates at three significant digits when parsing.	S	2
		SS	23
		SSS	235
		SSSS	2350
A	milliseconds in day	A	61201235
z	Time Zone: specific non-location	z, zz, or zzz	PDT
		zzzz	Pacific Daylight Time

Z	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hms? / RFC 822	Z, ZZ, or ZZZ	-0800
	Time Zone: long localized GMT (=OOOO)	ZZZZ	GMT-08:00
	Time Zone: ISO8601 extended hms? (=XXXXXX)	ZZZZZ	-08:00, -07:52:58, Z
O	Time Zone: short localized GMT	O	GMT-8
	Time Zone: long localized GMT (=ZZZZ)	OOOO	GMT-08:00
v	Time Zone: generic non-location (falls back first to VVVV)	v	PT
		vvvv	Pacific Time or Los Angeles Time
V	Time Zone: short time zone ID	V	uslax
	Time Zone: long time zone ID	VV	America/Los_Angeles
	Time Zone: time zone exemplar city	VVV	Los Angeles
	Time Zone: generic location (falls back to OOOO)	VVVV	Los Angeles Time
X	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hm?, with Z for 0	X	-08, +0530, Z
	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hm, with Z	XX	-0800, Z
	Time Zone: ISO8601 extended hm, with Z	XXX	-08:00, Z
	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hms?, with Z	XXXX	-0800, -075258, Z
	Time Zone: ISO8601 extended hms?, with Z	XXXXX	-08:00, -07:52:58, Z
x	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hm?, without Z for 0	x	-08, +0530
	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hm, without Z	xx	-0800
	Time Zone: ISO8601 extended hm, without Z	xxx	-08:00
	Time Zone: ISO8601 basic hms?, without Z	xxxx	-0800, -075258
	Time Zone: ISO8601 extended hms?, without Z	xxxxx	-08:00, -07:52:58
,	escape for text	,	(nothing)
`,`	two single quotes produce one	`,`	,

Note that any characters in the pattern that are not in the ranges of [a-z] and [A-Z] will be treated as quoted text. For instance, characters like :, ., (a space), # and @ will appear in the resulting time text even they are not enclosed within single quotes. The single quote is used to “escape” letters. Two single quotes in a row, inside or outside a quoted sequence, represent a “real” single quote.

Here are some examples:

Exemplary Pattern	Result
yyyy.MM.dd 'at' HH:mm:ss zzz	2015.12.31 at 23:59:59 GMT+1
EEE, MMM d, 'yy	czw., gru 31, '15
h:mm a	11:59 PM
hh 'o'clock' a, zzzz	11 o'clock PM, GMT+01:00
K:mm a, z	11:59 PM, GMT+1
yyyyy.MMMM.dd GGG hh:mm aaa	2015.grudnia.31 n.e. 11:59 PM
uuuu-MM-dd'T'HH:mm:ssZ	2015-12-31T23:59:59+0100 (the ISO 8601 guideline)

## Value

stri\_datetime\_format returns a character vector.

stri\_datetime\_parse returns an object of class `POSIXct`.

## References

*Formatting Dates and Times* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/formatparse/datetime>

## See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

## Examples

```
stri_datetime_parse(c("2015-02-28", "2015-02-29"), "yyyy-MM-dd")
stri_datetime_parse(c("2015-02-28", "2015-02-29"), "yyyy-MM-dd", lenient=TRUE)
stri_datetime_parse("19 lipca 2015", "date_long", locale="pl_PL")
stri_datetime_format(stri_datetime_now(), "datetime_relative_medium")
```

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stri_datetime_fstr	<i>Convert strptime-style Format Strings</i>
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## Description

A function to convert [strptime/strftime](#)-style format strings to **ICU** format strings that may be used in [stri\\_datetime\\_parse](#) and [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#) functions.

## Usage

```
stri_datetime_fstr(x)
```

## Arguments

x                    character vector consisting of date/time format strings

## Details

For more details on conversion specifiers please refer to the manual page of [strptime](#). Most of the formatters of the form %x, where x is a letter, are supported. Moreover, each %% is replaced with %.

Warnings are given in case of %x, %X, %u, %w, %g, %G, %c, %U and %W as in such circumstances either **ICU** does not support requested functionality using format-strings API or there are some inconsistencies between base R and **ICU**.

## Value

Returns a character vector.

## See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_datetime_fstr("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S")
```

---

```
stri_datetime_now      Get Current Date and Time
```

---

**Description**

Returns current date and time.

**Usage**

```
stri_datetime_now()
```

**Details**

The current date and time in **stringi** is represented as the (signed) number of seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00 UTC. UTC leap seconds are ignored.

**Value**

Returns an object of class `POSIXct`.

**See Also**

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

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```
stri_datetime_symbols  List Localizable Date-Time Formatting Data
```

---

**Description**

Returns a list of all localizable date-time formatting data, including month and weekday names, localized AM/PM strings, etc.

**Usage**

```
stri_datetime_symbols(locale = NULL, context = "standalone",
  width = "wide")
```

**Arguments**

locale	NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier
context	single string; one of: "format", "standalone"
width	single string; one of: "abbreviated", "wide", "narrow"

## Details

context stands for a selector for date formatting context and width - for date formatting width.

## Value

Returns a list with the following named components:

1. Month - month names,
2. Weekday - weekday names,
3. Quarter - quarter names,
4. AmPm - AM/PM names,
5. Era - era names.

## References

*Calendar* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/datetime/calendar>

*DateFormatSymbols* class – ICU API Documentation, [http://icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu\\_1\\_1DateFormatSymbols.html](http://icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu_1_1DateFormatSymbols.html)

*Formatting Dates and Times* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/formatparse/datetime>

## See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

## Examples

```
stri_datetime_symbols() # uses the Gregorian calendar in most locales
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=hebrew")
stri_datetime_symbols("he_IL@calendar=hebrew")
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=islamic")
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=persian")
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=indian")
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=coptic")
stri_datetime_symbols("@calendar=japanese")

stri_datetime_symbols("ja_JP_TRADITIONAL") # uses the Japanese calendar by default
stri_datetime_symbols("th_TH_TRADITIONAL") # uses the Buddhist calendar

stri_datetime_symbols("pl_PL", context="format")
stri_datetime_symbols("pl_PL", context="standalone")

stri_datetime_symbols(width="wide")
stri_datetime_symbols(width="abbreviated")
stri_datetime_symbols(width="narrow")
```

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stri_detect	<i>Detect a Pattern Match</i>
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### Description

These functions determine, for each string in `str`, if there is at least one match to a corresponding pattern.

### Usage

```
stri_detect(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_detect_fixed(str, pattern, negate = FALSE, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)
```

```
stri_detect_charclass(str, pattern, negate = FALSE)
```

```
stri_detect_coll(str, pattern, negate = FALSE, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

```
stri_detect_regex(str, pattern, negate = FALSE, ..., opts_regex = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
<code>pattern</code> , <code>regex</code> , <code>fixed</code> , <code>coll</code> , <code>charclass</code>	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
<code>negate</code>	single logical value; whether a no-match is rather of interest
<code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , <code>opts_regex</code>	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

### Details

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

If `pattern` is empty, then the result is NA and a warning is generated.

`stri_detect` is a convenience function. It calls either `stri_detect_regex`, `stri_detect_fixed`, `stri_detect_coll`, or `stri_detect_charclass`, depending on the argument used. Relying on these underlying functions will make your code run slightly faster.

See also [stri\\_startswith](#) and [stri\\_endswith](#) for testing whether a string starts or ends with a given pattern match, respectively. Moreover, see [stri\\_subset](#) for a character vector subsetting.

### Value

Each function returns a logical vector.



**See Also**

Other search\_detect: [stri\\_startswith](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_detect_fixed(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), c('i', 'R', '0'))
stri_detect_fixed(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), 'R')

stri_detect_charclass(c("stRRRringi", "REXAMINE", "123"),
  c("\\p{Ll}", "\\p{Lu}", "\\p{Zs}"))

stri_detect_regex(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), 'R.')
stri_detect_regex(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), '[[alpha:]]*?')
stri_detect_regex(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), '[a-zA1]')
stri_detect_regex(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), '( R|RE)')
stri_detect_regex("stringi", "STRING.", case_insensitive=TRUE)
```

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stri\_dup

*Duplicate Strings*


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**Description**

Duplicates each string `times` times and concatenates the results.

**Usage**

```
stri_dup(str, times)
```

**Arguments**

<code>str</code>	a character vector of strings to be duplicated
<code>times</code>	an integer vector with the numbers of times to duplicate each string

**Details**

Vectorized over `str` and `times`.

**Value**

Returns a character vector of the same length as `str`.

**See Also**

Other join: [stri\\_flatten](#), [stri\\_join\\_list](#), [stri\\_join](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_dup("a", 1:5)
stri_dup(c("a", NA, "ba"), 4)
stri_dup(c("abc", "qrst"), c(4, 2))
```

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stri_duplicated	<i>Determine Duplicated Elements</i>
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**Description**

stri\_duplicated() determines which strings in a character vector are duplicates of other elements.

stri\_duplicated\_any() determines if there are any duplicated strings in a character vector.

**Usage**

```
stri_duplicated(str, fromLast = FALSE, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

```
stri_duplicated_any(str, fromLast = FALSE, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

str	a character vector
fromLast	a single logical value; indicating whether duplication should be considered from the reverse side
...	additional settings for opts_collator
opts_collator	a named list with <b>ICU Collator's</b> options as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , NULL for default collation options

**Details**

Missing values are regarded as equal.

Unlike [duplicated](#) and [anyDuplicated](#), these functions test for canonical equivalence of strings (and not whether the strings are just bitwise equal) Such operations are locale-dependent. Hence, [stri\\_duplicated](#) and [stri\\_duplicated\\_any](#) are significantly slower (but much better suited for natural language processing) than their base R counterpart.

See also [stri\\_unique](#) for extracting unique elements.

**Value**

stri\_duplicated() returns a logical vector of the same length as `str`. Each of its elements indicates whether a canonically equivalent string was already found in `str`.

stri\_duplicated\_any() returns a single non-negative integer. Value of 0 indicates that all the elements in `str` are unique. Otherwise, it gives the index of the first non-unique element.

**References**

*Collation* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation>

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: %s<%, [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other locale\_sensitive: %s<%, [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

**Examples**

```
# In the following examples, we have 3 duplicated values,
# "a" - 2 times, NA - 1 time
stri_duplicated(c("a", "b", "a", NA, "a", NA))
stri_duplicated(c("a", "b", "a", NA, "a", NA), fromLast=TRUE)
stri_duplicated_any(c("a", "b", "a", NA, "a", NA))

# compare the results:
stri_duplicated(c("\u0105", stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105")))
duplicated(c("\u0105", stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105")))

stri_duplicated(c("gro\u00df", "GROSS", "Gro\u00df", "Gross"), strength=1)
duplicated(c("gro\u00df", "GROSS", "Gro\u00df", "Gross"))
```

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stri\_encode

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*Convert Strings Between Given Encodings*


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**Description**

These functions convert a character vector between encodings.

**Usage**

```
stri_encode(str, from = NULL, to = NULL, to_raw = FALSE)
```

```
stri_conv(str, from = NULL, to = NULL, to_raw = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

str	a character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors to be converted
from	input encoding: NULL or "" for default encoding or internal encoding marks usage (see Details); otherwise, a single string with encoding name, see <a href="#">stri_enc_list</a>
to	target encoding: NULL or "" for default encoding (see <a href="#">stri_enc_get</a> ), or a single string with encoding name
to_raw	a single logical value; indicates whether a list of raw vectors shall be returned rather than a character vector

## Details

stri\_conv is an alias for stri\_encode.

These two functions aim to replace R's `iconv`. It is not only faster, but also works in the same manner on all platforms.

Please refer to [stri\\_enc\\_list](#) for the list of supported encodings and [stringi-encoding](#) for a general discussion.

If `str` is a character vector and `from` is either missing, "", or NULL, then the declared encodings are used (see [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#)) – in such a case bytes-declared strings are disallowed. Otherwise, the internal encoding declarations are ignored and a converter selected with `from` is used.

On the other hand, for `str` being a raw vector or a list of raw vectors, we assume that the input encoding is the current default encoding as given by [stri\\_enc\\_get](#).

For `to_raw=FALSE`, the output strings have always marked encodings according to the target converter used (as specified by `to`) and the current default Encoding (ASCII, latin1, UTF-8, native, or bytes in all other cases).

Note that problems may occur if `to` indicates e.g. UTF-16 or UTF-32, as the output strings may have embedded NULs. In such cases use `to_raw=TRUE` and consider specifying a byte order marker (BOM) for portability reasons (e.g. set UTF-16 or UTF-32 which automatically adds BOMs).

Note that `stri_encode(as.raw(data), "encodingname")` is a wise substitute for `rawToChar`.

In the current version of **stringi**, if an incorrect code point is found on input, it is replaced by the default (for that target encoding) substitute character and a warning is generated.

## Value

If `to_raw` is FALSE, then a character vector with encoded strings (and sensible encoding marks) is returned. Otherwise, a list of raw vectors is produced.

## References

*Conversion* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion>

*Converters* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion/converters> (technical details)

## See Also

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_detect	<i>Detect Character Set and Language</i>
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## Description

This function uses the **ICU** engine to determine the character set, or encoding, of character data in an unknown format.

## Usage

```
stri_enc_detect(str, filter_angle_brackets = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

str	character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors
filter_angle_brackets	logical; If filtering is enabled, text within angle brackets (" <code>&lt;</code> " and " <code>&gt;</code> ") will be removed before detection, which will remove most HTML or XML markup.

## Details

Vectorized over `str` and `filter_angle_brackets`.

This is, at best, an imprecise operation using statistics and heuristics. Because of this, detection works best if you supply at least a few hundred bytes of character data that's mostly in a single language. However, because the detection only looks at a limited amount of the input data, some of the returned charsets may fail to handle all of the input data. Note that in some cases, the language can be determined along with the encoding.

Several different techniques are used for character set detection. For multi-byte encodings, the sequence of bytes is checked for legible patterns. The detected characters are also checked against a list of frequently used characters in that encoding. For single byte encodings, the data is checked against a list of the most commonly occurring three letter groups for each language that can be written using that encoding.

The detection process can be configured to optionally ignore HTML or XML style markup (using **ICU's** internal facilities), which can interfere with the detection process by changing the statistics.

This function should most often be used for byte-marked input strings, especially after loading them from text files and before the main conversion with `stri_encode`. The input encoding is of course not taken into account here, even if marked.

The following table shows all the encodings that can be detected:

Character_Set	Languages
UTF-8	–
UTF-16BE	–
UTF-16LE	–
UTF-32BE	–
UTF-32LE	–

Shift_JIS	Japanese
ISO-2022-JP	Japanese
ISO-2022-CN	Simplified Chinese
ISO-2022-KR	Korean
GB18030	Chinese
Big5	Traditional Chinese
EUC-JP	Japanese
EUC-KR	Korean
ISO-8859-1	Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish
ISO-8859-2	Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian
ISO-8859-5	Russian
ISO-8859-6	Arabic
ISO-8859-7	Greek
ISO-8859-8	Hebrew
ISO-8859-9	Turkish
windows-1250	Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian
windows-1251	Russian
windows-1252	Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish
windows-1253	Greek
windows-1254	Turkish
windows-1255	Hebrew
windows-1256	Arabic
KOI8-R	Russian
IBM420	Arabic
IBM424	Hebrew

If you have some initial guess at language and encoding, try with [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#).

## Value

Returns a list of length equal to the length of `str`. Each list element is a data frame with the following three named vectors representing all guesses:

- `Encoding` – string; guessed encodings; NA on failure,
- `Language` – string; guessed languages; NA if the language could not be determined (e.g. in case of UTF-8),
- `Confidence` – numeric in [0,1]; the higher the value, the more confidence there is in the match; NA on failure.

The guesses are ordered by decreasing confidence.

## References

*Character Set Detection* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/conversion/detection>

## See Also

Other encoding\_detection: [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf16be](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
f <- rawToChar(readBin("test.txt", "raw", 100000))
stri_enc_detect(f)

## End(Not run)
```

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stri_enc_detect2	<i>Detect Locale-Sensitive Character Encoding</i>
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## Description

This function tries to detect character encoding in case the language of text is known.

## Usage

```
stri_enc_detect2(str, locale = NULL)
```

## Arguments

str	character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors
locale	NULL or "" for default locale, NA for just checking the UTF-* family, or a single string with locale identifier.

## Details

Vectorized over str.

First, the text is checked whether it is valid UTF-32BE, UTF-32LE, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-8 (as in [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), this slightly bases on ICU's `i18n/csrucode.cpp`, but we do it in our own way, however) or ASCII.

If locale is not NA and the above fails, the text is checked for the number of occurrences of language-specific code points (data provided by the **ICU** library) converted to all possible 8-bit encodings that fully cover the indicated language. The encoding is selected based on the greatest number of total byte hits.

The guess is of course imprecise, as it is obtained using statistics and heuristics. Because of this, detection works best if you supply at least a few hundred bytes of character data that's in a single language.

If you have no initial guess on language and encoding, try with [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#) (uses **ICU** facilities). However, it turns out that (empirically) `stri_enc_detect2` works better than the **ICU**-based one if UTF-\* text is provided. Try it yourself.

**Value**

Just like [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), this function returns a list of length equal to the length of `str`. Each list element is a data frame with the following three named components:

- `Encoding` – string; guessed encodings; NA on failure (iff encodings is empty),
- `Language` – always NA,
- `Confidence` – numeric in [0,1]; the higher the value, the more confidence there is in the match; NA on failure.

The guesses are ordered by decreasing confidence.

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other encoding\_detection: [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf16be](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri\_enc\_fromutf32      *Convert From UTF-32*

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**Description**

This function converts integer vectors, representing sequences of UTF-32 code points, to UTF-8 strings.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_fromutf32(vec)
```

**Arguments**

`vec`                    a list of integer vectors (or objects coercible to such vectors) or NULLs. For convenience, a single integer vector can also be given.

**Details**

UTF-32 is a 32bit encoding in which each Unicode code point corresponds to exactly one integer value.

This function roughly acts like a vectorized version of [intToUtf8](#). As usual in **stringi**, it returns character strings in UTF-8. See [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#) for a dual operation.

If an incorrect code point is given, a warning is generated and a string is set to NA. Note that 0s are not allowed in `vec`, as they are used internally to mark the end of a string (in the C API).

See also [stri\\_encode](#) for decoding arbitrary byte sequences from any given encoding.



**Value**

Returns a character vector (in UTF-8). NULLs in the input list are converted to NA\_character\_.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stri\\_encode](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_info	<i>Query a Character Encoding</i>
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**Description**

Gets basic information on a character encoding.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_info(enc = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

enc                    NULL or "" for default encoding, or a single string with encoding name

**Details**

An error is raised if the provided encoding is unknown to **ICU** (see [stri\\_enc\\_list](#) for more details)

**Value**

Returns a list with the following components:

- Name.friendly – Friendly encoding name: MIME Name or JAVA Name or **ICU** Canonical Name (the first of provided ones is selected, see below);
- Name.ICU – Encoding name as identified by **ICU**;
- Name.\* – other standardized encoding names, e.g. Name.UTR22, Name.IBM, Name.WINDOWS, Name.JAVA, Name.IANA, Name.MIME (some of them may be unavailable for all the encodings);
- ASCII.subset – is ASCII a subset of the given encoding?;
- Unicode.1to1 – for 8-bit encodings only: are all characters translated to exactly one Unicode code point and is the translation scheme reversible?;
- CharSize.8bit – is this an 8-bit encoding, i.e. do we have CharSize.min == CharSize.max and CharSize.min == 1?;
- CharSize.min – minimal number of bytes used to represent an UChar (in UTF-16, this is not the same as UChar32)
- CharSize.max – maximal number of bytes used to represent an UChar (in UTF-16, this is not the same as UChar32, i.e. does not reflect the maximal code point representation size)

**See Also**

Other encoding\_management: [stri\\_enc\\_list](#), [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#), [stri\\_enc\\_set](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_isascii	<i>Check If a Data Stream Is Possibly in ASCII</i>
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**Description**

The function checks whether all bytes in a string are in the set 1,2,...,127.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_isascii(str)
```

**Arguments**

`str` character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors

**Details**

This function is independent of the way R marks encodings in character strings (see [Encoding](#) and [stringi-encoding](#)).

**Value**

Returns a logical vector. Its *i*-th element indicates whether the *i*-th string corresponds to a valid ASCII byte sequence.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_detection: [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf16be](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_enc_isascii(letters[1:3])
stri_enc_isascii("\u0105\u0104")
```

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stri_enc_isutf16be	<i>Check If a Data Stream Is Possibly in UTF16 or UTF32</i>
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### Description

These functions detect whether a given byte stream is valid UTF-16LE, UTF-16BE, UTF-32LE, or UTF-32BE.

### Usage

```
stri_enc_isutf16be(str)
```

```
stri_enc_isutf16le(str)
```

```
stri_enc_isutf32be(str)
```

```
stri_enc_isutf32le(str)
```

### Arguments

`str` character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors

### Details

These functions are independent of the way R marks encodings in character strings (see [Encoding](#) and [stringi-encoding](#)). Anyway, most often, you will provide input data as raw vectors here.

Negative answer means that a string is surely not in valid UTF-16 or UTF-32. Positive result does not mean that we should be absolutely sure.

Also, note that sometimes a data stream may be classified as both valid UTF-16LE and UTF-16BE.

### Value

Returns a logical vector.

### See Also

Other `encoding_detection`: [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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`stri_enc_isutf8`*Check If a Data Stream Is Possibly in UTF-8*

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### Description

The function checks whether given sequences of bytes forms a proper UTF-8 string.

### Usage

```
stri_enc_isutf8(str)
```

### Arguments

`str` character vector, a raw vector, or a list of raw vectors

### Details

Negative answer means that a string is surely not valid UTF-8. Positive result does not mean that we should be absolutely sure. E.g. (c4, 85) properly represents ("Polish a with ogonek") in UTF-8 as well as ("A umlaut", "Ellipsis") in WINDOWS-1250. Also note that UTF-8, as well as most 8-bit encodings, have ASCII as their subsets (note that [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#) => [stri\\_enc\\_isutf8](#)).

However, the longer the sequence, the bigger the possibility that the result is indeed in UTF-8 – this is because not all sequences of bytes are valid UTF-8.

This function is independent of the way R marks encodings in character strings (see [Encoding](#) and [stringi-encoding](#)).

### Value

Returns a logical vector. Its *i*-th element indicates whether the *i*-th string corresponds to a valid UTF-8 byte sequence.

### See Also

Other `encoding_detection`: [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_isutf16be](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

### Examples

```
stri_enc_isutf8(letters[1:3])
stri_enc_isutf8("\u0105\u0104")
stri_enc_isutf8("\u1234\u0222")
```

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stri_enc_list	<i>List Known Character Encodings</i>
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**Description**

Gives the list of encodings that are supported by **ICU**.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_list(simplify = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

simplify            single logical value; return a character vector or a list of character vectors?

**Details**

Please note that apart from given encoding identifiers and their aliases, some other specifiers will be available in your conversion tasks. This is due to the fact that **ICU** tries to normalize converter names. E.g. "UTF8" is also valid, see [stringi-encoding](#) for more information.

**Value**

If `simplify` is `FALSE` (the default), a list of character vectors is returned. Each list element represents a unique character encoding. The name attribute gives the **ICU** Canonical Name of an encoding family. The elements (character vectors) are its aliases.

If `simplify` is `TRUE`, then the resulting list is coerced to a character vector and sorted, and returned with removed duplicated entries.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_management: [stri\\_enc\\_info](#), [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#), [stri\\_enc\\_set](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_mark	<i>Get Declared Encodings of Each String</i>
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**Description**

Gets declared encodings for each string in a character vector as seen by **stringi**.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_mark(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector or an object coercible to a character vector

**Details**

According to [Encoding](#), R has a simple encoding marking mechanism: strings can be declared to be in latin1, UTF-8 or bytes.

Moreover, via the C API we may check whether a string is in ASCII (R assumes that this holds if and only if all bytes in a string are not greater than 127, so there is an implicit assumption that your platform uses an encoding which is an ASCII superset) or in the system's default (a.k.a. unknown in [Encoding](#)) encoding.

Intuitively, the default encoding should be equivalent to the one you use when inputting data via keyboard. In `stringi` we assume that such an encoding is equivalent to the one returned by [stri\\_enc\\_get](#). It is automatically detected by ICU to match – by default – the encoding part of the LC\_CTYPE category as given by [Sys.getlocale](#).

**Value**

Returns a character vector of the same length as `str`. Unlike in [Encoding](#), possible encodings are: ASCII, latin1, bytes, native, and UTF-8. Additionally, missing values are handled properly.

This is exactly the same information that is used by all the functions in **stringi** to re-encode their inputs.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_management: [stri\\_enc\\_info](#), [stri\\_enc\\_list](#), [stri\\_enc\\_set](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri\_enc\_set

*Set or Get Default Character Encoding in stringi*

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**Description**

`stri_enc_set` sets the encoding used to re-encode strings internally (i.e. by R) declared to be in native encoding, see [stringi-encoding](#) and [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#). `stri_enc_get` returns currently used default encoding.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_set(enc)
```

```
stri_enc_get()
```

**Arguments**

enc                    single string; character encoding name, see [stri\\_enc\\_list](#) for the list of supported encodings.

## Details

stri\_enc\_get is the same as [stri\\_enc\\_info\(NULL\)\\$Name.friendly](#).

Note that changing the default encoding may have undesired consequences. Unless you are an expert user and you know what you are doing, `stri_enc_set` should only be used if **ICU** fails to detect your system's encoding correctly (while testing **stringi** we only encountered such a situation on a very old Solaris machine). Note that **ICU** tries to match the encoding part of the LC\_CTYPE category as given by [Sys.getlocale](#).

If you set a default encoding that is neither a superset of ASCII, nor an 8-bit encoding, a warning will be generated, see [stringi-encoding](#) for discussion.

## Value

`stri_enc_set` returns a string with previously used character encoding, invisibly.

`stri_enc_get` returns a string with current default character encoding.

## See Also

Other encoding\_management: [stri\\_enc\\_info](#), [stri\\_enc\\_list](#), [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_toascii	<i>Convert To ASCII</i>
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## Description

This function converts input strings to ASCII, i.e. to character strings consisting of bytes not greater than 127.

## Usage

```
stri_enc_toascii(str)
```

## Arguments

`str`            a character vector to be converted

## Details

All code points greater than 127 are replaced with ASCII SUBSTITUTE CHARACTER (0x1A). R encoding declarations are always used to determine which encoding is assumed for each input, see [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#). In incorrect byte sequences are found in UTF-8 byte streams, a warning is generated.

A bytes-marked string is assumed to be represented by a 8-bit encoding such that it has ASCII as its subset (a common assumption in R itself).

Note that the SUBSTITUTE CHARACTER (`\x1a == \032`) may be interpreted as ASCII missing value for single characters.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stri\\_encode](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_tonative	<i>Convert Strings To Native Encoding</i>
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**Description**

Converts character strings with declared encodings to Native encoding.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_tonative(str)
```

**Arguments**

`str` a character vector to be converted

**Details**

This function just calls [stri\\_encode](#)(str, NULL, NULL). Current native encoding can be read with [stri\\_enc\\_get](#). Character strings declared to be in bytes encoding will fail here.

Note that if working in a UTF-8 environment, resulting strings will be marked with UTF-8 and not native, see [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#).

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stri\\_encode](#), [stringi-encoding](#)



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stri_enc_toutf32	<i>Convert Strings To UTF-32</i>
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**Description**

UTF-32 is a 32bit encoding in which each Unicode code point corresponds to exactly one integer value. This function converts a character vector to a list of integer vectors so that e.g. individual code points may easily be accessed, changed, etc.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_toutf32(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    a character vector (or an object coercible to such a vector) to be converted

**Details**

See [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#) for a dual operation.

This function is roughly equivalent to a vectorized call to `utf8ToInt(enc2utf8(str))`. If you want a list of raw vector on output, use [stri\\_encode](#).

Unlike `utf8ToInt`, if improper UTF-8 byte sequences are detected, a corresponding element is set to NULL and a warning is given, see also [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#) for a method to deal with such cases.

**Value**

Returns a list of integer vectors. Missing values are converted to NULLs.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#), [stri\\_encode](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri_enc_toutf8	<i>Convert Strings To UTF-8</i>
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**Description**

Converts character strings with declared marked encodings to UTF-8 strings.

**Usage**

```
stri_enc_toutf8(str, is_unknown_8bit = FALSE, validate = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

str	a character vector to be converted
is_unknown_8bit	a single logical value, see Details
validate	a single logical value (can be NA), see Details

**Details**

If `is_unknown_8bit` is set to `FALSE` (the default), then R encoding marks are used, see [stri\\_enc\\_mark](#). Bytes-marked strings will cause the function to fail.

If a string is in UTF-8 and has a byte order mark (BOM), then BOM will be silently removed from the output string.

If default encoding is UTF-8, see [stri\\_enc\\_get](#), then strings marked with `native` are – for efficiency reasons – returned as-is, i.e. with unchanged markings. A similar behavior is observed when calling [enc2utf8](#).

For `is_unknown_8bit=TRUE`, if a string is declared to be neither in ASCII nor in UTF-8, then all byte codes > 127 are replaced with the Unicode REPLACEMENT CHARACTER (`\Ufffd`). Note that the REPLACEMENT CHARACTER may be interpreted as Unicode missing value for single characters. Here, a bytes-marked string is assumed to be encoded by an 8-bit encoding such that it has ASCII as its subset.

What is more, in both cases setting `validate` to `TRUE` or `NA` validates the resulting UTF-8 byte stream. If `validate=TRUE`, then in case of any incorrect byte sequences, they will be replaced with REPLACEMENT CHARACTER. This option may be used in a (very rare in practice) case in which you want to fix an invalid UTF-8 byte sequence. For `NA`, a bogus string will be replaced with a missing value.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other encoding\_conversion: [stri\\_enc\\_fromutf32](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toascii](#), [stri\\_enc\\_tonative](#), [stri\\_enc\\_toutf32](#), [stri\\_encode](#), [stringi-encoding](#)

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stri\_escape\_unicode    *Escape Unicode Code Points*

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**Description**

Escapes all Unicode (not ASCII-printable) code points.

**Usage**

```
stri_escape_unicode(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector

**Details**

For non-printable and certain special (well-known, see also R man page [Quotes](#)) ASCII characters the following (also recognized in R) convention is used. We get \a, \b, \t, \n, \v, \f, \r, \", \', \\ or either \uXXXX (4 hex digits) or \XXXXXXXX (8 hex digits) otherwise.

As usual, any input string is converted to Unicode before executing the escape process.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other escape: [stri\\_unescape\\_unicode](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_escape_unicode("a\u0105!")
```

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stri_extract_all	<i>Extract Occurrences of a Pattern</i>
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**Description**

These functions extract all substrings matching a given pattern.

stri\_extract\_all\_\* extracts all the matches. On the other hand, stri\_extract\_first\_\* and stri\_extract\_last\_\* provide the first or the last matches, respectively.

**Usage**

```
stri_extract_all(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_extract_first(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_extract_last(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_extract(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass, mode = c("first", "all",  
"last"))
```

```
stri_extract_all_charclass(str, pattern, merge = TRUE, simplify = FALSE,  
omit_no_match = FALSE)
```

```
stri_extract_first_charclass(str, pattern)
```

```

stri_extract_last_charclass(str, pattern)

stri_extract_all_coll(str, pattern, simplify = FALSE, omit_no_match = FALSE,
  ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_extract_first_coll(str, pattern, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_extract_last_coll(str, pattern, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_extract_all_regex(str, pattern, simplify = FALSE,
  omit_no_match = FALSE, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_extract_first_regex(str, pattern, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_extract_last_regex(str, pattern, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_extract_all_fixed(str, pattern, simplify = FALSE,
  omit_no_match = FALSE, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_extract_first_fixed(str, pattern, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_extract_last_fixed(str, pattern, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

```

### Arguments

str	character vector with strings to search in
...	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , and so on
mode	single string; one of: "first" (the default), "all", "last"
pattern, regex, fixed, coll, charclass	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
merge	single logical value; should consecutive matches be merged into one string; <code>stri_extract_all_charclass</code> only
simplify	single logical value; if TRUE or NA, then a character matrix is returned; otherwise (the default), a list of character vectors is given, see Value; <code>stri_extract_all_*</code> only
omit_no_match	single logical value; if FALSE, then a missing value will indicate that there was no match; <code>stri_extract_all_*</code> only
opts_collator, opts_fixed, opts_regex	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

### Details

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

If you would like to extract regex capture groups individually, check out [stri\\_match](#).

`stri_extract`, `stri_extract_all`, `stri_extract_first`, and `stri_extract_last` are convenience functions. They just call `stri_extract_*.*`, depending on the arguments used. Relying on one of those underlying functions will make your code run slightly faster.

## Value

For `stri_extract_all*`, if `simplify=FALSE` (the default), then a list of character vectors is returned. Each list element represents the results of a separate search scenario. If a pattern is not found and `omit_no_match=FALSE`, then a character vector of length 1, with single NA value will be generated. Otherwise, i.e. if `simplify` is not `FALSE`, then [stri\\_list2matrix](#) with `byrow=TRUE` argument is called on the resulting object. In such a case, a character matrix with an appropriate number of rows (according to the length of `str`, `pattern`, etc.) is returned. Note that `stri_list2matrix`'s `fill` argument is set to an empty string and NA, for `simplify` equal to `TRUE` and NA, respectively.

`stri_extract_first*` and `stri_extract_last*`, on the other hand, return a character vector. A NA element indicates no match.

## See Also

Other search\_extract: [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_match\\_all](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Examples

```
stri_extract_all('XaaaaX', regex=c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+', '\\p{L1}{2,3}', '\\p{L1}{2,3}?'))
stri_extract_all('Bartolini', coll='i')
stri_extract_all('stringi is so good!', charclass='\\p{Zs}') # all whitespaces

stri_extract_all_charclass(c('AbcdeFgHijK', 'abc', 'ABC'), '\\p{L1}')
stri_extract_all_charclass(c('AbcdeFgHijK', 'abc', 'ABC'), '\\p{L1}', merge=FALSE)
stri_extract_first_charclass('AaBbCc', '\\p{L1}')
stri_extract_last_charclass('AaBbCc', '\\p{L1}')

## Not run:
# emoji support available since ICU 57
stri_extract_all_charclass(stri_enc_fromutf32(32:55200), "\\p{EMOJI}")

## End(Not run)

stri_extract_all_coll(c('AaaaaaA', 'AAAA'), 'a')
stri_extract_first_coll(c('Yy\u00FD', 'AAA'), 'y', strength=2, locale="sk_SK")
stri_extract_last_coll(c('Yy\u00FD', 'AAA'), 'y', strength=1, locale="sk_SK")

stri_extract_all_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+', '\\p{L1}{2,3}', '\\p{L1}{2,3}?'))
stri_extract_first_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+', '\\p{L1}{2,3}', '\\p{L1}{2,3}?'))
stri_extract_last_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+', '\\p{L1}{2,3}', '\\p{L1}{2,3}?'))

stri_list2matrix(stri_extract_all_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+'))
stri_extract_all_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+'), simplify=TRUE)
stri_extract_all_regex('XaaaaX', c('\\p{L1}', '\\p{L1}+'), simplify=NA)

stri_extract_all_fixed("abaBAba", "Aba", case_insensitive=TRUE)
```

```
stri_extract_all_fixed("abaBAba", "Aba", case_insensitive=TRUE, overlap=TRUE)
```

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```
stri_extract_all_boundaries
```

*Extract Text Between Text Boundaries*

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## Description

These functions extract text between specific text boundaries.

## Usage

```
stri_extract_all_boundaries(str, simplify = FALSE, omit_no_match = FALSE,
  ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

```
stri_extract_last_boundaries(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

```
stri_extract_first_boundaries(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

```
stri_extract_all_words(str, simplify = FALSE, omit_no_match = FALSE,
  locale = NULL)
```

```
stri_extract_first_words(str, locale = NULL)
```

```
stri_extract_last_words(str, locale = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>str</code>	character vector or an object coercible to
<code>simplify</code>	single logical value; if TRUE or NA, then a character matrix is returned; otherwise (the default), a list of character vectors is given, see <a href="#">Value</a>
<code>omit_no_match</code>	single logical value; if FALSE, then a missing value will indicate that there are no words
<code>...</code>	additional settings for <code>opts_brkiter</code>
<code>opts_brkiter</code>	a named list with <b>ICU</b> BreakIterator's settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_brkiter</a> ; NULL for default break iterator, i.e. <code>line_break</code>
<code>locale</code>	NULL or "" for text boundary analysis following the conventions of the default locale, or a single string with locale identifier, see <a href="#">stringi-locale</a> .

## Details

Vectorized over `str`.

For more information on the text boundary analysis performed by **ICU**'s BreakIterator, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#).

In case of `stri_extract_*_words`, Just like in `stri_count_words`, ICU's word BreakIterator iterator is used to locate word boundaries, and all non-word characters (UBRK\_WORD\_NONE rule status) are ignored.

### Value

For `stri_extract_all_*`, if `simplify=FALSE` (the default), then a list of character vectors is returned. Each string consists of a separate word. In case of `omit_no_match=FALSE` and if there are no words or if a string is missing, a single NA is provided on output. Otherwise, `stri_list2matrix` with `byrow=TRUE` argument is called on the resulting object. In such a case, a character matrix with `length(str)` rows is returned. Note that `stri_list2matrix`'s `fill` argument is set to an empty string and NA, for `simplify` equal to TRUE and NA, respectively.

For `stri_extract_first_*` and `stri_extract_last_*`, a character vector is returned. A NA element indicates no match.

### See Also

Other search\_extract: [stri\\_extract\\_all](#), [stri\\_match\\_all](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

### Examples

```
stri_extract_all_words("stringi: THE string processing package 123.48...")
```

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stri_flatten	<i>Flatten a String</i>
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### Description

Joins the elements of a character vector into one string.

### Usage

```
stri_flatten(str, collapse = "", na_empty = FALSE, omit_empty = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>str</code>	a vector of strings to be coerced to character
<code>collapse</code>	a single string denoting the separator
<code>na_empty</code>	single logical value; should missing values in <code>str</code> be treated as empty strings?
<code>omit_empty</code>	single logical value; should missing values in <code>str</code> be omitted?

**Details**

The `stri_flatten(str, collapse='XXX')` call is equivalent to `paste(str, collapse='XXX', sep='')`.

If you wish to use some more fancy (e.g. differing) separators between flattened strings, call `stri_join(str, separators, collapse='')`.

If `str` is not empty, then a single string is returned. If `collapse` has length > 1, then only first string will be used.

**Value**

Returns a single string, i.e., a character vector of length 1.

**See Also**

Other join: `stri_dup`, `stri_join_list`, `stri_join`

**Examples**

```
stri_flatten(LETTERS)
stri_flatten(LETTERS, collapse="")
stri_flatten(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_flatten(stri_dup(letters[1:6],1:3))
stri_flatten(c(NA, "", "A", "", "B", NA, "C"), collapse=" ", na_empty=TRUE, omit_empty=TRUE)
```

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stri\_info

*Query Default Settings for **stringi***


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**Description**

Presents current default settings used by the **ICU** library.

**Usage**

```
stri_info(short = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

short	logical; whether or not the results should be given in a concise form; defaults to TRUE
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**Value**

If `short=TRUE`, then a single string containing information on default character encoding, locale, and Unicode as well as **ICU** version is returned.

Otherwise, you a list with the following components is returned:

- `Unicode.version` – version of Unicode supported by the **ICU** library;



- `ICU.version` – **ICU** library version used;
- `Locale` – contains information on default locale, as returned by [stri\\_locale\\_info](#);
- `Charset.internal` – always `c("UTF-8", "UTF-16")`;
- `Charset.native` – information on default encoding, as returned by [stri\\_enc\\_info](#);
- `ICU.system` – logical; indicates whether system **ICU** libs are used (TRUE) or if **ICU** was built together with **stringi**.

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`stri_isempty`*Determine if a String is of Length Zero*

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## Description

This is the fastest way to find out whether the elements of a character vector are empty strings.

## Usage

```
stri_isempty(str)
```

## Arguments

`str` character vector or an object coercible to

## Details

Missing values are handled properly, as opposed to the built-in [nzchar](#) function.

## Value

Returns a logical vector of the same length as `str`.

## See Also

Other length: [stri\\_length](#), [stri\\_numbytes](#), [stri\\_width](#)

## Examples

```
stri_isempty(letters[1:3])
stri_isempty(c(',', ' ', 'abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_isempty(character(1))
```

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`stri_join`*Concatenate Character Vectors*

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### Description

These are the **stringi**'s equivalents of the built-in `paste` function. `stri_c` and `stri_paste` are aliases for `stri_join`.

### Usage

```
stri_join(..., sep = "", collapse = NULL, ignore_null = FALSE)
```

```
stri_c(..., sep = "", collapse = NULL, ignore_null = FALSE)
```

```
stri_paste(..., sep = "", collapse = NULL, ignore_null = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>...</code>	character vectors (or objects coercible to character vectors) which corresponding elements are to be concatenated
<code>sep</code>	a single string; separates terms
<code>collapse</code>	a single string or NULL; an optional results separator
<code>ignore_null</code>	a single logical value; if TRUE, then empty vectors on input are silently ignored

### Details

Vectorized over each atomic vector in `'...'`.

Unless `collapse` is NULL, the result will be a single string. Otherwise, you get a character vector of length equal to the length of the longest argument.

If any of the arguments in `'...'` is a vector of length 0 (not to be confused with vectors of empty strings) and `ignore_null=FALSE`, then you will get a 0-length character vector in result.

If `collapse` or `sep` has length greater than 1, then only the first string will be used.

In case missing values in any of the input vectors, NA is set to the corresponding element. Note that this behavior is different from `paste`, which treats missing values as ordinary strings like "NA". Moreover, as usual in **stringi**, the resulting strings are always in UTF-8.

### Value

Returns a character vector.

### See Also

Other join: [stri\\_dup](#), [stri\\_flatten](#), [stri\\_join\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```

stri_join(1:13, letters)
stri_join(1:13, letters, sep='!')
stri_join(1:13, letters, collapse='?')
stri_join(1:13, letters, sep='!', collapse='?')
stri_join(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'), '###', 1:5, sep='...')
stri_join(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'), '###', 1:5, sep='...', collapse='?')

do.call(stri_c, list(c("a", "b", "c"), c("1", "2"), sep='!'))
do.call(stri_c, list(c("a", "b", "c"), c("1", "2"), sep='!', collapse='$'))

```

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stri\_join\_list

*Concatenate Strings in a List*


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**Description**

These functions concatenate strings in each character vector in a given list. `stri_c_list` and `stri_paste_list` are aliases for `stri_join_list`.

**Usage**

```
stri_join_list(x, sep = "", collapse = NULL)
```

```
stri_c_list(x, sep = "", collapse = NULL)
```

```
stri_paste_list(x, sep = "", collapse = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a list consisting of character vectors
<code>sep</code>	a single string; separates strings in each of the character vectors in <code>x</code>
<code>collapse</code>	a single string or <code>NULL</code> ; an optional results separator

**Details**

Unless `collapse` is `NULL`, the result will be a single string. Otherwise, you get a character vector of length equal to the length of `x`.

Vectors in `x` of length 0 are silently ignored.

If `collapse` or `sep` has length greater than 1, then only the first string will be used.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other join: [stri\\_dup](#), [stri\\_flatten](#), [stri\\_join](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_join_list(stri_extract_all_words(c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.",
"You're gonna get away with this.")), sep=", ")

stri_join_list(stri_extract_all_words(c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet.",
"You're gonna get away with this.")), sep=", ", collapse=". ")

stri_join_list(stri_extract_all_regex(c("R is OK.", "123 456", "Hey!"), "\\p{L}+"), " ")

stri_join_list(stri_extract_all_regex(c("R is OK.", "123 456", "Hey!"),
"\\p{L}+", omit_no_match=TRUE), " ", " -- ")
```

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stri\_length

*Count the Number of Code Points*


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**Description**

This function returns the number of code points in each string.

**Usage**

```
stri_length(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector or an object coercible to

**Details**

Note that the number of code points is not the same as the ‘width’ of the string when printed on the screen.

If a given string is in UTF-8 and has not been properly normalized (e.g. by [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#)), the returned counts may sometimes be misleading. See [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#) for a method to count *Unicode characters*. Moreover, if an incorrect UTF-8 byte sequence is detected, then a warning is generated and the corresponding output element is set to NA, see also [stri\\_enc\\_toutf8](#) for a method to deal with such cases.

Missing values are handled properly, as opposed to the built-in [nchar](#) function. For ‘byte’ encodings we get, as usual, an error.

**Value**

Returns an integer vector of the same length as `str`.

**See Also**

Other length: [stri\\_isempty](#), [stri\\_numbytes](#), [stri\\_width](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_length(LETTERS)
stri_length(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_length('\u0105') # length is one, but...
stri_numbytes('\u0105') # 2 bytes are used
stri_numbytes(stri_trans_nfkd('\u0105')) # 3 bytes here but...
stri_length(stri_trans_nfkd('\u0105')) # ...two code points (!)
stri_count_boundaries(stri_trans_nfkd('\u0105'), type="character") # ...and one Unicode character
```

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stri_list2matrix	<i>Convert a List to a Character Matrix</i>
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**Description**

This function converts a given list of atomic vectors to a character matrix.

**Usage**

```
stri_list2matrix(x, byrow = FALSE, fill = NA_character_, n_min = 0)
```

**Arguments**

x	a list of atomic vectors
byrow	single logical value; should the resulting matrix be transposed?
fill	single string, see Details
n_min	single integer value; minimal number of rows (byrow==FALSE) or columns (otherwise) in the resulting matrix

**Details**

This function is similar to the built-in [simplify2array](#) function. However, it always returns a character matrix, even if each element in `x` is of length 1 or if elements in `x` are not of the same lengths. Moreover, the elements in `x` are always coerced to character vectors.

If `byrow` is `FALSE`, then a matrix with `length(x)` columns is returned. The number of rows is the length of the longest vector in `x`, but no less than `n_min`. Basically, we have `result[i, j] == x[[j]][i]` if `i <= length(x[[j]])` and `result[i, j] == fill` otherwise, see Examples.

If `byrow` is `TRUE`, then the resulting matrix is a transposition of the above-described one.

This function may be useful e.g. in connection with [stri\\_split](#) and [stri\\_extract\\_all](#).

**Value**

Always returns a character matrix.

**See Also**

Other utils: [stri\\_na2empty](#), [stri\\_remove\\_empty](#)

**Examples**

```
simplify2array(list(c("a", "b"), c("c", "d"), c("e", "f")))
stri_list2matrix(list(c("a", "b"), c("c", "d"), c("e", "f")))
stri_list2matrix(list(c("a", "b"), c("c", "d"), c("e", "f")), byrow=TRUE)

simplify2array(list("a", c("b", "c")))
stri_list2matrix(list("a", c("b", "c")))
stri_list2matrix(list("a", c("b", "c")), fill="")
stri_list2matrix(list("a", c("b", "c")), fill="", n_min=5)
```

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stri\_locale\_info

*Query Given Locale*


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**Description**

Provides some basic information on a given locale identifier.

**Usage**

```
stri_locale_info(locale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

locale            NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier.

**Details**

With this function you may obtain some basic information on any provided locale identifier, even if it is unsupported by **ICU** or if you pass a malformed locale identifier (the one that is not e.g. of the form Language\_Country). See [stringi-locale](#) for discussion.

This function does nothing complicated. In many cases it is similar to a call to `as.list(stri_split_fixed(locale, "_", locale case mapped`. It may be used, however, to get insight on how ICU understands a provided locale identifier.

**Value**

Returns a list with the following named character strings: Language, Country, Variant, and Name, being their underscore separated combination.

**See Also**

Other locale\_management: [stri\\_locale\\_list](#), [stri\\_locale\\_set](#), [stringi-locale](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_locale_info("pl_PL")
stri_locale_info("Pl_pL") # the same result
```

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stri_locale_list	<i>List Available Locales</i>
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**Description**

Creates a character vector with all known locale identifies.

**Usage**

```
stri_locale_list()
```

**Details**

Note that not all services may be available for all locales. Queries for locale-specific services are always performed during the resource request.

See [stringi-locale](#) for more information.

**Value**

Returns a character vector with locale identifiers that are known to **ICU**.

**See Also**

Other locale\_management: [stri\\_locale\\_info](#), [stri\\_locale\\_set](#), [stringi-locale](#)

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stri_locale_set	<i>Set or Get Default Locale in <b>stringi</b></i>
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**Description**

`stri_locale_set` changes default locale for all functions in the **stringi** package, i.e. establishes the meaning of the “NULL locale” argument of locale-sensitive functions. On the other hand, `stri_locale_get` gets current default locale.

**Usage**

```
stri_locale_set(locale)
```

```
stri_locale_get()
```

**Arguments**

locale                    single string of the form Language, Language\_Country, or Language\_Country\_Variant, e.g. "en\_US", see [stri\\_locale\\_list](#)

**Details**

See [stringi-locale](#) for more information on the effect of changing default locale.

stri\_locale\_get is the same as [stri\\_locale\\_info](#)(NULL)\$Name.

**Value**

stri\_locale\_set returns a string with previously used locale, invisibly.

stri\_locale\_get returns a string of the form Language, Language\_Country, or Language\_Country\_Variant, e.g. "en\_US".

**See Also**

Other locale\_management: [stri\\_locale\\_info](#), [stri\\_locale\\_list](#), [stringi-locale](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
oldloc <- stri_locale_set("pt_BR")
# ... some locale-dependent operations
# ... note that you may always modify a locale per-call
# ... changing default locale is convenient if you perform
# ... many operations
stri_locale_set(oldloc) # restore previous default locale

## End(Not run)
```

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stri\_locate\_all                    *Locate Occurrences of a Pattern*

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**Description**

These functions may be used e.g. to find the indices (positions), at which a given pattern is matched. `stri_locate_all_*` locate all the matches. On the other hand, `stri_locate_first_*` and `stri_locate_last_*` give the first or the last matches, respectively.

**Usage**

```
stri_locate_all(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_locate_first(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```

```
stri_locate_last(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)
```



```

stri_locate(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass, mode = c("first", "all",
  "last"))
stri_locate_all_charclass(str, pattern, merge = TRUE, omit_no_match = FALSE)
stri_locate_first_charclass(str, pattern)
stri_locate_last_charclass(str, pattern)
stri_locate_all_coll(str, pattern, omit_no_match = FALSE, ...,
  opts_collator = NULL)
stri_locate_first_coll(str, pattern, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
stri_locate_last_coll(str, pattern, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
stri_locate_all_regex(str, pattern, omit_no_match = FALSE, ...,
  opts_regex = NULL)
stri_locate_first_regex(str, pattern, ..., opts_regex = NULL)
stri_locate_last_regex(str, pattern, ..., opts_regex = NULL)
stri_locate_all_fixed(str, pattern, omit_no_match = FALSE, ...,
  opts_fixed = NULL)
stri_locate_first_fixed(str, pattern, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)
stri_locate_last_fixed(str, pattern, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

```

### Arguments

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
<code>mode</code>	single string; one of: "first" (the default), "all", "last"
<code>pattern, regex, fixed, coll, charclass</code>	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
<code>merge</code>	single logical value; indicates whether consecutive sequences of indices in the resulting matrix shall be merged; <code>stri_locate_all_charclass</code> only
<code>omit_no_match</code>	single logical value; if FALSE, then 2 missing values will indicate that there was no match; <code>stri_locate_all_*</code> only
<code>opts_collator, opts_fixed, opts_regex</code>	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

## Details

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

The matched string(s) may be extracted by calling the `stri_sub` function. Alternatively, you may call `stri_extract` directly.

`stri_locate`, `stri_locate_all`, `stri_locate_first`, and `stri_locate_last` are convenience functions. They just call `stri_locate_*_*`, depending on arguments used. Unless you are a very lazy person, please call the underlying functions directly for better performance.

## Value

For `stri_locate_all_*`, a list of integer matrices is returned. Each list element represents the results of a separate search scenario. The first column gives the start positions of matches, and the second column gives the end positions. Moreover, you may get two NAs in one row for no match (if `omit_no_match` is `FALSE`) or NA arguments.

`stri_locate_first_*` and `stri_locate_last_*`, on the other hand, return an integer matrix with two columns, giving the start and end positions of the first or the last matches, respectively, and two NAs if and only if they are not found.

For `stri_locate_*_regex`, if the match is of length 0, end will be one character less than start.

## See Also

Other search\_locate: [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other indexing: [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_sub](#)

## Examples

```
stri_locate_all('XaaaX',
  regex=c('\\p{Ll}+', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}?'))
stri_locate_all('Bartolini', fixed='i')
stri_locate_all('a b c', charclass='\\p{Zs}') # all white spaces

stri_locate_all_charclass(c('AbcdeFgHijK', 'abc', 'ABC'), '\\p{Ll}')
stri_locate_all_charclass(c('AbcdeFgHijK', 'abc', 'ABC'), '\\p{Ll}', merge=FALSE)
stri_locate_first_charclass('AaBbCc', '\\p{Ll}')
stri_locate_last_charclass('AaBbCc', '\\p{Ll}')

stri_locate_all_coll(c('Aaaaaaa', 'AAAA'), 'a')
stri_locate_first_coll(c('Yy\u00FD', 'AAA'), 'y', strength=2, locale="sk_SK")
stri_locate_last_coll(c('Yy\u00FD', 'AAA'), 'y', strength=1, locale="sk_SK")

pat <- stri_paste("\u0635\u0644\u0649 \u0627\u0644\u0644\u0647 ",
  "\u0639\u0644\u064a\u0647 \u0648\u0633\u0644\u0645XYZ")
stri_locate_last_coll("\ufdfa\ufdfa\ufdfaXYZ", pat, strength = 1)

stri_locate_all_fixed(c('Aaaaaaa', 'AAAA'), 'a')
stri_locate_all_fixed(c('Aaaaaaa', 'AAAA'), 'a', case_insensitive=TRUE, overlap=TRUE)
stri_locate_first_fixed(c('Aaaaaaa', 'aaa', 'AAA'), 'a')
stri_locate_last_fixed(c('Aaaaaaa', 'aaa', 'AAA'), 'a')
```

```

#first row is 1-2 like in locate_first
stri_locate_all_fixed('bbbb', 'bb')
stri_locate_first_fixed('bbbb', 'bb')

# but last row is 3-4, unlike in locate_last,
# keep this in mind [overlapping pattern match OK!]
stri_locate_last_fixed('bbbb', 'bb')

stri_locate_all_regex('XaaaX',
  c('\\p{Ll}', '\\p{Ll}+', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}?'))
stri_locate_first_regex('XaaaX',
  c('\\p{Ll}', '\\p{Ll}+', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}?'))
stri_locate_last_regex('XaaaX',
  c('\\p{Ll}', '\\p{Ll}+', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}', '\\p{Ll}{2,3}?'))

# Use regex positive-lookahead to locate overlapping pattern matches:
stri_locate_all_regex("ACAGAGACTTAGATAGAGAAGA", "(?=AGA)")
# note that start > end here (match of 0 length)

```

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stri\_locate\_all\_boundaries

*Locate Specific Text Boundaries*

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## Description

These functions locate specific text boundaries (like character, word, line, or sentence boundaries). `stri_locate_all_*` locate all the matches. On the other hand, `stri_locate_first_*` and `stri_locate_last_*` give the first or the last matches, respectively.

## Usage

```

stri_locate_all_boundaries(str, omit_no_match = FALSE, ...,
  opts_brkiter = NULL)

stri_locate_last_boundaries(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)

stri_locate_first_boundaries(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)

stri_locate_all_words(str, omit_no_match = FALSE, locale = NULL)

stri_locate_last_words(str, locale = NULL)

stri_locate_first_words(str, locale = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

str	character vector or an object coercible to
omit_no_match	single logical value; if FALSE, then 2 missing values will indicate that there are no text boundaries
...	additional settings for opts_brkiter
opts_brkiter	a named list with ICU BreakIterator's settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_brkiter</a> ; NULL for default break iterator, i.e. line_break
locale	NULL or "" for text boundary analysis following the conventions of the default locale, or a single string with locale identifier, see <a href="#">stringi-locale</a>

**Details**

Vectorized over str.

For more information on the text boundary analysis performed by ICU's BreakIterator, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#).

In case of `stri_locate_*_words`, just like in [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_words](#) and [stri\\_count\\_words](#), ICU's word BreakIterator iterator is used to locate word boundaries, and all non-word characters (UBRK\_WORD\_NONE rule status) are ignored. This is function is equivalent to a call to `stri_locate_*_boundaries(str, type`

**Value**

For `stri_locate_all_*`, a list of `length(str)` integer matrices is returned. The first column gives the start positions of substrings between located boundaries, and the second column gives the end positions. The indices are code point-based, thus they may be passed e.g. to the [stri\\_sub](#) function. Moreover, you may get two NAs in one row for no match (if `omit_no_match` is FALSE) or NA arguments.

`stri_locate_first_*` and `stri_locate_last_*`, on the other hand, return an integer matrix with two columns, giving the start and end positions of the first or the last matches, respectively, and two NAs if and only if they are not found.

**See Also**

Other search\_locate: [stri\\_locate\\_all](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other indexing: [stri\\_locate\\_all](#), [stri\\_sub](#)

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
test <- "The\u00a0above-mentioned features are very useful. Warm thanks to their developers."
stri_locate_all_boundaries(test, type="line")
stri_locate_all_boundaries(test, type="word")
stri_locate_all_boundaries(test, type="sentence")
stri_locate_all_boundaries(test, type="character")
stri_locate_all_words(test)

stri_extract_all_boundaries("Mr. Jones and Mrs. Brown are very happy.
So am I, Prof. Smith.", type="sentence", locale="en_US@ss=standard") # ICU >= 56 only
```

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stri\_match\_all

*Extract Regex Pattern Matches, Together with Capture Groups*


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**Description**

These functions extract substrings of `str` that match a given regex pattern. Additionally, they extract matches to every *capture group*, i.e. to all the subpatterns given in round parentheses.

**Usage**

```
stri_match_all(str, ..., regex)

stri_match_first(str, ..., regex)

stri_match_last(str, ..., regex)

stri_match(str, ..., regex, mode = c("first", "all", "last"))

stri_match_all_regex(str, pattern, omit_no_match = FALSE,
  cg_missing = NA_character_, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_match_first_regex(str, pattern, cg_missing = NA_character_, ...,
  opts_regex = NULL)

stri_match_last_regex(str, pattern, cg_missing = NA_character_, ...,
  opts_regex = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_regex</code>
<code>mode</code>	single string; one of: "first" (the default), "all", "last"
<code>pattern, regex</code>	character vector defining regex patterns to search for; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search-regex</a>

omit_no_match	single logical value; if FALSE, then a row with missing values will indicate that there was no match; stri_match_all_* only
cg_missing	single string to be used if a capture group match is unavailable
opts_regex	a named list with <b>ICU</b> Regex settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> ; NULL for default settings;

## Details

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

If no pattern match is detected and `omit_no_match=FALSE`, then NAs are included in the resulting matrix (matrices), see Examples.

Please note: **ICU** regex engine currently does not support named capture groups.

`stri_match`, `stri_match_all`, `stri_match_first`, and `stri_match_last` are convenience functions. They just call `stri_match_*_regex` – they have been provided for consistency with other string searching functions' wrappers, cf. e.g. [stri\\_extract](#).

## Value

For `stri_match_all*`, a list of character matrices is returned. Each list element represents the results of a separate search scenario.

For `stri_match_first*` and `stri_match_last*`, on the other hand, a character matrix is returned. Here the search results are provided as separate rows.

The first matrix column gives the whole match. The second one corresponds to the first capture group, the third – the second capture group, and so on.

## See Also

Other search\_extract: [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Examples

```
stri_match_all_regex("breakfast=eggs, lunch=pizza, dessert=icecream",
  "\\w+=\\w+")
stri_match_all_regex(c("breakfast=eggs", "lunch=pizza", "no food here"),
  "\\w+=\\w+")
stri_match_all_regex(c("breakfast=eggs;lunch=pizza",
  "breakfast=bacon;lunch=spaghetti", "no food here"),
  "\\w+=\\w+")
stri_match_first_regex(c("breakfast=eggs;lunch=pizza",
  "breakfast=bacon;lunch=spaghetti", "no food here"),
  "\\w+=\\w+")
stri_match_last_regex(c("breakfast=eggs;lunch=pizza",
  "breakfast=bacon;lunch=spaghetti", "no food here"),
  "\\w+=\\w+")

stri_match_first_regex(c("abcd", ":abcd", ":abcd:"), "^(:)?([[::]]*)(:)?$")
stri_match_first_regex(c("abcd", ":abcd", ":abcd:"), "^(:)?([[::]]*)(:)?$", cg_missing="")

# Match all the pattern of the form YXX, including overlapping matches:
```

```
stri_match_all_regex("ACAGAGACTTTAGATAGAGAAGA", "(?=((([ACGT])[ACGT]\\2)))[[1]][,2]
# Compare the above to:
stri_extract_all_regex("ACAGAGACTTTAGATAGAGAAGA", "([ACGT])[ACGT]\\1")
```

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stri\_na2empty                      *Replace NAs with empty strings*

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### Description

This function replaces all missing values with empty strings

### Usage

```
stri_na2empty(x)
```

### Arguments

x                      a character vector

### Value

Always returns a character vector.

### See Also

Other utils: [stri\\_list2matrix](#), [stri\\_remove\\_empty](#)

### Examples

```
stri_na2empty(c("a", NA, "", "b"))
```

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stri\_numbytes                      *Count the Number of Bytes*

---

### Description

Counts the number of bytes needed to store each string in computer's memory.

### Usage

```
stri_numbytes(str)
```

### Arguments

str                      character vector or an object coercible to

**Details**

This is often not the function you would normally use in your string processing activities. See rather [stri\\_length](#).

For 8-bit encoded strings, this is the same as [stri\\_length](#). For UTF-8 strings, the returned values may be greater than the number of code points, as UTF-8 is not a fixed-byte encoding: one code point may be encoded by 1-4 bytes (according to the current Unicode standard).

Missing values are handled properly, as opposed to the built-in [nchar](#)(str, "bytes") function call.

The strings do not need to be re-encoded to perform this operation.

The returned values does not of course include the trailing NUL bytes, which are used internally to mark the end of string data (in C).

**Value**

Returns an integer vector of the same length as str.

**See Also**

Other length: [stri\\_isempty](#), [stri\\_length](#), [stri\\_width](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_numbytes(letters)
stri_numbytes(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))

## Not run:
# this used to fail on Windows, as there was no native support for 4-bytes
# Unicode characters; see, however, stri_escape_unicode():
stri_numbytes('\U7fffffff') # compare stri_length('\U7fffffff')

## End(Not run)
```

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stri\_opts\_brkiter      *Generate a List with BreakIterator Settings*

---

**Description**

A convenience function to tune the **ICU BreakIterator**'s behavior in some text boundary analysis functions, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#).

**Usage**

```
stri_opts_brkiter(type, locale, skip_word_none, skip_word_number,
  skip_word_letter, skip_word_kana, skip_word_ideo, skip_line_soft,
  skip_line_hard, skip_sentence_term, skip_sentence_sep, ...)
```



**Arguments**

type	single string; either the break iterator type, one of character, line_break, sentence, word; or a custom set of ICU break iteration rules. see <a href="#">stringi-search-boundaries</a>
locale	single string, NULL or "" for default locale
skip_word_none	logical; perform no action for "words" that do not fit into any other categories
skip_word_number	logical; perform no action for words that appear to be numbers
skip_word_letter	logical; perform no action for words that contain letters, excluding hiragana, katakana, or ideographic characters
skip_word_kana	logical; perform no action for words containing kana characters
skip_word_ideo	logical; perform no action for words containing ideographic characters
skip_line_soft	logical; perform no action for soft line breaks, i.e. positions at which a line break is acceptable but not required
skip_line_hard	logical; perform no action for hard, or mandatory line breaks
skip_sentence_term	logical; perform no action for sentences ending with a sentence terminator (".", ",", ":", "!", "?", "!", etc.), possibly followed by a hard separator (CR, LF, PS, etc.)
skip_sentence_sep	logical; perform no action for sentences that do not contain an ending sentence terminator, but are ended by a hard separator or end of input
...	any other arguments to this function are purposely ignored

**Details**

The skip\_\* family of settings may be used to prevent performing any special actions on particular types of text boundaries, e.g. in case of the [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#) and [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#) functions.

Note that custom break iterator rules (advanced users only) should be specified as a single string. For a detailed description of the syntax of RBBI rules, please refer to the ICU User Guide on Boundary Analysis.

**Value**

Returns a named list object. Omitted skip\_\* values act as they have been set to FALSE.

**References**

ubrk.h *File Reference* – ICU4C API Documentation, [http://icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/ubrk\\_8h.html](http://icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/ubrk_8h.html)

*Boundary Analysis* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/boundaryanalysis>

**See Also**

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stri\_opts\_collator      *Generate a List with Collator Settings*

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**Description**

A convenience function to tune the ICU Collator's behavior, e.g. in [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), as well as [stri\\_detect\\_coll](#) and other [stringi-search-coll](#) functions.

**Usage**

```
stri_opts_collator(locale = NULL, strength = 3L,
  alternate_shifted = FALSE, french = FALSE, uppercase_first = NA,
  case_level = FALSE, normalization = FALSE, numeric = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

locale	single string, NULL or "" for default locale
strength	single integer in {1,2,3,4}, which defines collation strength; 1 for the most permissive collation rules, 4 for the most strict ones
alternate_shifted	single logical value; FALSE treats all the code points with non-ignorable primary weights in the same way, TRUE causes code points with primary weights that are equal or below the variable top value to be ignored on primary level and moved to the quaternary level
french	single logical value; used in Canadian French; TRUE results in secondary weights being considered backwards
uppercase_first	single logical value; NA orders upper and lower case letters in accordance to their tertiary weights, TRUE forces upper case letters to sort before lower case letters, FALSE does the opposite
case_level	single logical value; controls whether an extra case level (positioned before the third level) is generated or not
normalization	single logical value; if TRUE, then incremental check is performed to see whether the input data is in the FCD form. If the data is not in the FCD form, incremental NFD normalization is performed
numeric	single logical value; when turned on, this attribute generates a collation key for the numeric value of substrings of digits; this is a way to get '100' to sort AFTER '2'
...	any other arguments to this function are purposely ignored

**Details**

ICU's *collator* performs a locale-aware, natural-language alike string comparison. This is a more reliable way of establishing relationships between string than that provided by base R, and definitely one that is more complex and appropriate than ordinary byte-comparison.

A note on collation strength: generally, strength set to 4 is the least permissive. Set to 2 to ignore case differences. Set to 1 to also ignore diacritical differences.

The strings are Unicode-normalized before the comparison.

**Value**

Returns a named list object; missing settings are left with default values.

**References**

*Collation* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation>

*ICU Collation Service Architecture* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation/architecture>

*icu::Collator Class Reference* – ICU4C API Documentation, [http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu\\_1\\_1Collator.html](http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu_1_1Collator.html)

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other search\_coll: [stringi-search-coll](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_cmp("number100", "number2")
stri_cmp("number100", "number2", opts_collator=stri_opts_collator(numeric=TRUE))
stri_cmp("number100", "number2", numeric=TRUE) # equivalent
stri_cmp("above mentioned", "above-mentioned")
stri_cmp("above mentioned", "above-mentioned", alternate_shifted=TRUE)
```

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stri\_opts\_fixed

*Generate a List with Fixed Pattern Search Engine's Settings*


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**Description**

A convenience function used to tune up the `stri*_fixed` functions' behavior, see [stringi-search-fixed](#).

**Usage**

```
stri_opts_fixed(case_insensitive = FALSE, overlap = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

case\_insensitive      logical; enable simple case insensitive matching  
 overlap                logical; enable overlapping matches detection in certain functions  
 ...                    any other arguments to this function are purposely ignored

**Details**

Case-insensitive matching uses a simple, single-code point case mapping (via ICU's `u_toupper()` function). Full case mappings should be used whenever possible because they produce better results by working on whole strings. They take into account the string context and the language and can map to a result string with a different length as appropriate, see [stringi-search-coll](#).

Searching for overlapping pattern matches works in case of the [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_fixed](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_fixed](#), and [stri\\_count\\_fixed](#) functions.

**Value**

Returns a named list object.

**References**

*C/POSIX Migration – ICU User Guide*, [http://userguide.icu-project.org/posix#case\\_mappings](http://userguide.icu-project.org/posix#case_mappings)

**See Also**

Other `search_fixed`: [stringi-search-fixed](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_detect_fixed("ala", "ALA") # case-sensitive by default
stri_detect_fixed("ala", "ALA", opts_fixed=stri_opts_fixed(case_insensitive=TRUE))
stri_detect_fixed("ala", "ALA", case_insensitive=TRUE) # equivalent
```

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stri\_opts\_regex

*Generate a List with Regex Matcher Settings*

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**Description**

A convenience function to tune the **ICU** regular expressions matcher's behavior, e.g. in [stri\\_count\\_regex](#) and other [stringi-search-regex](#) functions.

**Usage**

```
stri_opts_regex(case_insensitive, comments, dotall, literal, multiline,
  unix_lines, uword, error_on_unknown_escapes, ...)
```

**Arguments**

case_insensitive	logical; enable case insensitive matching [regex flag (?i)]
comments	logical; allow white space and comments within patterns [regex flag (?x)]
dotall	logical; if set, '.' matches line terminators, otherwise matching of '.' stops at a line end [regex flag (?s)]
literal	logical; if set, treat the entire pattern as a literal string: metacharacters or escape sequences in the input sequence will be given no special meaning; note that in most cases you would rather use the <a href="#">stringi-search-fixed</a> facilities in this case
multiline	logical; controls the behavior of '\$' and '^'. If set, recognize line terminators within a string, otherwise, match only at start and end of input string [regex flag (?m)]
unix_lines	logical; Unix-only line endings. When this mode is enabled, only U+000a is recognized as a line ending by '.', '\$', and '^'.
uword	logical; Unicode word boundaries. If set, uses the Unicode TR 29 definition of word boundaries; warning: Unicode word boundaries are quite different from traditional regex word boundaries. [regex flag (?w)] See <a href="http://unicode.org/reports/tr29/#Word_Boundaries">http://unicode.org/reports/tr29/#Word_Boundaries</a>
error_on_unknown_escapes	logical; whether to generate an error on unrecognized backslash escapes; if set, fail with an error on patterns that contain backslash-escaped ASCII letters without a known special meaning; otherwise, these escaped letters represent themselves
...	any other arguments to this function are purposely ignored

**Details**

Note that some regex settings may be changed using ICU regex flags inside regexes. For example, "(?i)pattern" does a case-insensitive match of a given pattern, see the **ICU User Guide** entry on Regular Expressions in the References section or [stringi-search-regex](#).

**Value**

Returns a named list object; missing settings are left with default values.

**References**

enum URegexFlag: *Constants for Regular Expression Match Modes* – ICU4C API Documentation, [http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/uregex\\_8h.html](http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/uregex_8h.html)

*Regular Expressions* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/strings/regex>

**See Also**

Other search\_regex: [stringi-search-regex](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_detect_regex("ala", "ALA") # case-sensitive by default
stri_detect_regex("ala", "ALA", opts_regex=stri_opts_regex(case_insensitive=TRUE))
stri_detect_regex("ala", "ALA", case_insensitive=TRUE) # equivalent
stri_detect_regex("ala", "(?i)ALA") # equivalent
```

stri\_order

*Ordering Permutation and Sorting***Description**

[stri\\_order](#) determines a permutation which rearranges strings into an ascending or descending order. [stri\\_sort](#) sorts the vector according to a lexicographic order.

**Usage**

```
stri_order(str, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = TRUE, ...,
           opts_collator = NULL)
```

```
stri_sort(str, decreasing = FALSE, na_last = NA, ...,
          opts_collator = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

str	a character vector
decreasing	a single logical value; should the sort order be nondecreasing (FALSE, default) or nonincreasing (TRUE)?
na_last	a single logical value; controls the treatment of NAs in str. If TRUE, then missing values in str are put at the end; if FALSE, they are put at the beginning; if NA, then they are removed from the output.
...	additional settings for opts_collator
opts_collator	a named list with ICU Collator's options as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , NULL for default collation options

**Details**

For more information on ICU's Collator and how to tune it up in **stringi**, refer to [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#).

These functions use a stable sort algorithm (STL's `stable_sort`), which performs up to  $N * \log^2(N)$  element comparisons, where  $N$  is the length of str.

Interestingly, our benchmarks indicate that `stri_order` is most often faster than R's `order`.

**Value**

For `stri_order`, an integer vector that gives the sort order is returned.

For `stri_sort`, you get a sorted version of str, i.e. a character vector.

**References**

*Collation* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation>

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: %s<%, [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_sort(c("hladny", "chladny"), locale="pl_PL")
```

```
stri_sort(c("hladny", "chladny"), locale="sk_SK")
```

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stri_pad_both	<i>Pad (Center/Left/Right Align) a String</i>
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**Description**

Adds multiple pad characters at the given side(s) of each string so that each output string is of total width of at least width. This function may be used to center or left/right-align each string.

**Usage**

```
stri_pad_both(str, width = floor(0.9 * getOption("width")), pad = " ",
  use_length = FALSE)
```

```
stri_pad_left(str, width = floor(0.9 * getOption("width")), pad = " ",
  use_length = FALSE)
```

```
stri_pad_right(str, width = floor(0.9 * getOption("width")), pad = " ",
  use_length = FALSE)
```

```
stri_pad(str, width = floor(0.9 * getOption("width")), side = c("left",
  "right", "both"), pad = " ", use_length = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector
width	integer vector giving minimal output string lengths
pad	character vector giving padding code points
use_length	single logical value; should the number of code points be used instead of the total code point width (see <a href="#">stri_width</a> )?
side	[stri_pad only] single character string; sides on which padding character is added (left, right, or both)

## Details

Vectorized over `str`, `width`, and `pad`. Each string in `pad` should consist of a code points of total width equal to 1 or, if `use_length` is `TRUE`, exactly one code point.

`stri_pad` is a convenience function, which dispatches control to `stri_pad_*`. Relying on one of the underlying functions will make your code run slightly faster.

Note that Unicode code points may have various widths when printed on the console and that the function takes that by default into account. By changing the state of the `use_length` argument, this function starts to act like each code point was of width 1. This feature should rather be used with text in Latin script.

See [stri\\_trim\\_left](#) (among others) for reverse operation. Also check out [stri\\_wrap](#) for line wrapping.

## Value

Returns a character vector.

## Examples

```
stri_pad_left("stringi", 10, pad="#")
stri_pad_both("stringi", 8:12, pad="*")
# center on screen:
cat(stri_pad_both(c("the", "string", "processing", "package"),
  getOption("width")*0.9), sep='\n')
cat(stri_pad_both(c("\ud6c8\ubbfc\uc815\uc74c", # takes width into account
  stri_trans_nfkd("\ud6c8\ubbfc\uc815\uc74c"), "abcd"),
  width=10), sep="\n")
```

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stri\_rand\_lipsum      *A Lorem Ipsum Generator*

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## Description

Generates (pseudo)random *lorem ipsum* text consisting of a given number of text paragraphs.

## Usage

```
stri_rand_lipsum(nparagraphs, start_lipsum = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>nparagraphs</code>	single integer, number of paragraphs to generate
<code>start_lipsum</code>	single logical value; should the resulting text start with <i>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet?</i>



**Details**

*Lorem ipsum* is a dummy text often used as a source of data for string processing and displaying/layouting exercises.

Current implementation is very simple: words are selected randomly from a Zipf distribution (we base on a set of ca. 190 predefined Latin words). Number of words per sentence and sentences per paragraph follows a discretized, truncated normal distribution. No Markov chain modeling, just i.i.d. word selection.

**Value**

Returns a character vector of length nparagraphs.

**See Also**

Other random: [stri\\_rand\\_shuffle](#), [stri\\_rand\\_strings](#)

**Examples**

```
cat(sapply(
  stri_wrap(stri_rand_lipsum(10), 80, simplify=FALSE),
  stri_flatten, collapse="\n"), sep="\n\n")
cat(stri_rand_lipsum(10), sep="\n\n")
```

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stri_rand_shuffle	<i>Randomly Shuffle Code Points in Each String</i>
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**Description**

Generates a (pseudo)random permutation of code points in each string.

**Usage**

```
stri_rand_shuffle(str)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector
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**Details**

This operation may result in non-Unicode-normalized strings and may give strange output for bidirectional strings.

See also [stri\\_reverse](#) for a reverse permutation of code points.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other random: [stri\\_rand\\_lipsum](#), [stri\\_rand\\_strings](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_rand_shuffle(c("abcdefghi", "0123456789"))
# you can do better than this with stri_rand_strings:
stri_rand_shuffle(rep(stri_paste(letters, collapse=''), 10))
```

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stri_rand_strings	<i>Generate Random Strings</i>
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**Description**

Generates (pseudo)random strings of desired lengths.

**Usage**

```
stri_rand_strings(n, length, pattern = "[A-Za-z0-9]")
```

**Arguments**

n	single integer, number of observations
length	integer vector, desired string lengths
pattern	character vector specifying character classes to draw elements from, see <a href="#">stringi-search-charclass</a>

**Details**

Vectorized over length and pattern. If length of length or pattern is greater than n, then redundant elements are ignored. Otherwise, these vectors are recycled if necessary.

This operation may result in non-Unicode-normalized strings and may give strange output for bidirectional strings.

Sampling of code points from the set specified by pattern is always done with replacement and each code point appears with equal probability.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other random: [stri\\_rand\\_lipsum](#), [stri\\_rand\\_shuffle](#)

**Examples**

```

stri_rand_strings(5, 10) # 5 strings of length 10
stri_rand_strings(5, sample(1:10, 5, replace=TRUE)) # 5 strings of random lengths
stri_rand_strings(10, 5, "[\\p{script=latin}&\\p{Ll}]") # small letters from the Latin script

# generate n random passwords of length in [8, 14]
# consisting of at least one digit, small and big ASCII letter:
n <- 10
stri_rand_shuffle(stri_paste(
  stri_rand_strings(n, 1, '[0-9]'),
  stri_rand_strings(n, 1, '[a-z]'),
  stri_rand_strings(n, 1, '[A-Z]'),
  stri_rand_strings(n, sample(5:11, 5, replace=TRUE), '[a-zA-Z0-9]')
))

```

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stri\_read\_lines      *[DRAFT API] Read Text Lines from a Text File*

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**Description**

Reads a text file, re-encodes it, and splits it into text lines.

**[THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL FUNCTION]**

**Usage**

```

stri_read_lines(fname, encoding = "auto", locale = NA,
  fallback_encoding = stri_enc_get())

```

**Arguments**

fname	single string with file name
encoding	single string; input encoding, "auto" for automatic detection with <a href="#">stri_enc_detect2</a> , and NULL or "" for the current default encoding.
locale	single string passed to <a href="#">stri_enc_detect2</a> ; NULL or "" for default locale, NA for checking just UTF-* family
fallback_encoding	single string; encoding to be used if encoding detection fails; defaults to the current default encoding, see <a href="#">stri_enc_get</a>

**Details**

It is a substitute for the system's [readLines](#) function, with the ability to auto-detect input encodings (or to specify one manually), re-encode input without any strange function calls or sys options change, and split the text into lines with [stri\\_split\\_lines1](#) (which conforms with the Unicode guidelines for newline markers).

If locale is NA and auto-detection of UTF-32/16/8 fails, then fallback\_encoding is used.

**Value**

Returns a character vector, with each line of text being a single string. The output is always in UTF-8.

**See Also**

Other files: [stri\\_read\\_raw](#), [stri\\_write\\_lines](#)

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stri\_read\_raw                    *[DRAFT API] Read Whole Text File as Raw*

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**Description**

Reads a text file as-is, with no conversion or text line splitting.

**[THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL FUNCTION]**

**Usage**

```
stri_read_raw(fname)
```

**Arguments**

fname                    file name

**Details**

After reading a text file into memory (the vast majority of them will fit into RAM without any problems), you may perform encoding detection (cf. [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#)), conversion (cf. [stri\\_encode](#)), and for example split it into text lines with [stri\\_split\\_lines1](#).

**Value**

Returns a raw vector.

**See Also**

Other files: [stri\\_read\\_lines](#), [stri\\_write\\_lines](#)

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stri_remove_empty	<i>Remove all empty strings from a character vector</i>
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### Description

This function removes all empty strings from a character vector.

### Usage

```
stri_remove_empty(x, na_empty = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	a character vector
na_empty	should missing values be treated as empty strings?

### Value

Always returns a character vector.

### See Also

Other utils: [stri\\_list2matrix](#), [stri\\_na2empty](#)

### Examples

```
stri_remove_empty(stri_na2empty(c("a", NA, "", "b")))
stri_remove_empty(c("a", NA, "", "b"))
stri_remove_empty(c("a", NA, "", "b"), TRUE)
```

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stri_replace_all	<i>Replace Occurrences of a Pattern</i>
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### Description

These functions replace with the given replacement string every/first/last substring of the input that matches the specified pattern.

**Usage**

```

stri_replace_all(str, replacement, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)

stri_replace_first(str, replacement, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)

stri_replace_last(str, replacement, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)

stri_replace(str, replacement, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass,
  mode = c("first", "all", "last"))

stri_replace_all_charclass(str, pattern, replacement, merge = FALSE,
  vectorize_all = TRUE)

stri_replace_first_charclass(str, pattern, replacement)

stri_replace_last_charclass(str, pattern, replacement)

stri_replace_all_coll(str, pattern, replacement, vectorize_all = TRUE, ...,
  opts_collator = NULL)

stri_replace_first_coll(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_replace_last_coll(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_replace_all_fixed(str, pattern, replacement, vectorize_all = TRUE, ...,
  opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_replace_first_fixed(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_replace_last_fixed(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_replace_all_regex(str, pattern, replacement, vectorize_all = TRUE, ...,
  opts_regex = NULL)

stri_replace_first_regex(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_replace_last_regex(str, pattern, replacement, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>replacement</code>	character vector with replacements for matched patterns
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
<code>mode</code>	single string; one of: "first" (the default), "all", "last"
<code>pattern, regex, fixed, coll, charclass</code>	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>

merge	single logical value; should consecutive matches be merged into one string; stri_replace_all_charclass only
vectorize_all	single logical value; should each occurrence of a pattern in every string be replaced by a corresponding replacement string?; stri_replace_all_* only
opts_collator, opts_fixed, opts_regex	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

## Details

By default, all the functions are vectorized over `str`, `pattern`, `replacement`. Then these functions scan the input string for matches of the pattern. Input that is not part of any match is left unchanged; each match is replaced in the result by the replacement string.

However, for `stri_replace_all*`, if `vectorize_all` is `FALSE`, the each substring matching any of the supplied patterns is replaced by a corresponding replacement string. In such a case, the vectorization is over `str`, and - independently - over `pattern` and `replacement`. In other words, this is equivalent to something like `for (i in 1:npatterns) str <- stri_replace_all(str, pattern[i], replacement[i])`. Note that you must set `length(pattern) >= length(replacement)`.

In case of `stri_replace*_regex`, the replacement string may contain references to capture groups (in round parentheses). References are of the form `$n`, where `n` is the number of the capture group (their numbering starts from 1). In order to treat the `$` character literally, escape it with a backslash. Moreover, `${name}` are used for named capture groups.

`stri_replace`, `stri_replace_all`, `stri_replace_first`, and `stri_replace_last` are convenience functions; they just call `stri_replace*_*` variants, depending on the arguments used. Using the underlying `stri_replace` functions will result in code running slightly faster.

If you would like to get rid of e.g. whitespaces from the start or end of a string, see [stri\\_trim](#).

## Value

All the functions return a character vector.

## See Also

Other search\_replace: [stri\\_replace\\_na](#), [stri\\_trim\\_both](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Examples

```
stri_replace_all_charclass("aaaa", "[a]", "b", merge=c(TRUE, FALSE))

stri_replace_all_charclass("a\\nb\\tc d", "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}", " ")
stri_replace_all_charclass("a\\nb\\tc d", "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}", " ", merge=TRUE)

s <- "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit."
stri_replace_all_fixed(s, " ", "#")
stri_replace_all_fixed(s, "o", "0")

stri_replace_all_fixed(c("1", "NULL", "3"), "NULL", NA)
```

```

stri_replace_all_regex(s, ".*?", "#")
stri_replace_all_regex(s, "(el|s)it", "1234")
stri_replace_all_regex('abaca', 'a', c('!', '*'))
stri_replace_all_regex('123|456|789', '\\p{N}.\\p{N}', '$2-$1')
stri_replace_all_regex(c("stringi R", "REXAMINE", "123"), '( R|R.)', ' r ')

## Not run:
# named capture groups available since ICU 55
stri_replace_all_regex("words 123 and numbers 456",
  "(?<numbers>[0-9]+)", "!${numbers}!")

## End(Not run)

# Compare the results:
stri_replace_all_fixed("The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.",
  c("quick", "brown", "fox"), c("slow", "black", "bear"), vectorize_all=TRUE)
stri_replace_all_fixed("The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.",
  c("quick", "brown", "fox"), c("slow", "black", "bear"), vectorize_all=FALSE)

# Compare the results:
stri_replace_all_fixed("The quicker brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.",
  c("quick", "brown", "fox"), c("slow", "black", "bear"), vectorize_all=FALSE)
stri_replace_all_regex("The quicker brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.",
  "\\b%s+%c("quick", "brown", "fox")%s+%\\b", c("slow", "black", "bear"), vectorize_all=FALSE)

```

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stri\_replace\_na      *Replace Missing Values in a Character Vector*

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## Description

This function offers a convenient way to replace each NA in a character vector with a given string.

## Usage

```
stri_replace_na(str, replacement = "NA")
```

## Arguments

str	character vector or an object coercible to
replacement	single string

## Details

This function is roughly equivalent to `str2 <- stri_enc_toutf8(str); str2[is.na(str2)] <- stri_enc_toutf8(replacement, str2)`. It may be used e.g. wherever “plain R” NA handling is desired, see Examples.



**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other search\_replace: [stri\\_replace\\_all](#), [stri\\_trim\\_both](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c('test', NA)
stri_paste(x, 1:2)           # "test1" NA
paste(x, 1:2)               # "test 1" "NA 2"
stri_paste(stri_replace_na(x), 1:2, sep=' ') # "test 1" "NA 2"
```

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stri\_reverse

*Reverse Each String*


---

**Description**

Reverses code points in every string.

**Usage**

```
stri_reverse(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector

**Details**

Note that this operation may result in non-Unicode-normalized strings and may give strange output for bidirectional strings.

See also [stri\\_rand\\_shuffle](#) for a random permutation of code points.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**Examples**

```
stri_reverse(c("123", "abc d e f"))
stri_reverse("ZXY (\u0105\u0104123$^).")
stri_reverse(stri_trans_nfd('\u0105')) == stri_trans_nfd('\u0105') # A, ogonek -> agonek, A
```

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stri\_split

*Split a String By Pattern Matches*


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### Description

These functions split each element of `str` into substrings. `pattern` indicates delimiters that separate the input into tokens. The input data between the matches become the fields themselves.

### Usage

```
stri_split(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)

stri_split_fixed(str, pattern, n = -1L, omit_empty = FALSE,
  tokens_only = FALSE, simplify = FALSE, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_split_regex(str, pattern, n = -1L, omit_empty = FALSE,
  tokens_only = FALSE, simplify = FALSE, ..., opts_regex = NULL)

stri_split_coll(str, pattern, n = -1L, omit_empty = FALSE,
  tokens_only = FALSE, simplify = FALSE, ..., opts_collator = NULL)

stri_split_charclass(str, pattern, n = -1L, omit_empty = FALSE,
  tokens_only = FALSE, simplify = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
<code>pattern</code> , <code>regex</code> , <code>fixed</code> , <code>coll</code> , <code>charclass</code>	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
<code>n</code>	integer vector, maximal number of strings to return, and, at the same time, maximal number of text boundaries to look for
<code>omit_empty</code>	logical vector; determines whether empty tokens should be removed from the result (TRUE or FALSE) or replaced with NAs (NA)
<code>tokens_only</code>	single logical value; may affect the result if <code>n</code> is positive, see Details
<code>simplify</code>	single logical value; if TRUE or NA, then a character matrix is returned; otherwise (the default), a list of character vectors is given, see Value
<code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , <code>opts_regex</code>	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> , <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , and <a href="#">stri_opts_regex</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

## Details

Vectorized over `str`, `pattern`, `n`, and `omit_empty`.

If `n` is negative, then all pieces are extracted. Otherwise, if `tokens_only` is `FALSE` (this is the default, for compatibility with the **stringr** package), then `n-1` tokens are extracted (if possible) and the `n`-th string gives the remainder (see Examples). On the other hand, if `tokens_only` is `TRUE`, then only full tokens (up to `n` pieces) are extracted.

`omit_empty` is applied during the split process: if it is set to `TRUE`, then tokens of zero length are ignored. Thus, empty strings will never appear in the resulting vector. On the other hand, if `omit_empty` is `NA`, then empty tokens are substituted with missing strings.

Empty search patterns are not supported. If you would like to split a string into individual characters, use e.g. `stri_split_boundaries(str, type="character")` for THE Unicode way.

`stri_split` is a convenience function. It calls either `stri_split_regex`, `stri_split_fixed`, `stri_split_coll`, or `stri_split_charclass`, depending on the argument used. Relying on one of those underlying functions will make your code run slightly faster.

## Value

If `simplify=FALSE` (the default), then the functions return a list of character vectors.

Otherwise, `stri_list2matrix` with `byrow=TRUE` and `n_min=n` arguments is called on the resulting object. In such a case, a character matrix with an appropriate number of rows (according to the length of `str`, `pattern`, etc.) is returned. Note that `stri_list2matrix`'s `fill` argument is set to an empty string and `NA`, for `simplify` equal to `TRUE` and `NA`, respectively.

## See Also

Other search\_split: [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stringi-search](#)

## Examples

```
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_")
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_")
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", omit_empty=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", n=2, tokens_only=FALSE) # "a" & remainder
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", n=2, tokens_only=TRUE) # "a" & "b" only
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", n=4, omit_empty=TRUE, tokens_only=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", n=4, omit_empty=FALSE, tokens_only=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed("a_b_c_d", "_", omit_empty=NA)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab_c", "d_ef_g", "h", ""), "_", n=1, tokens_only=TRUE, omit_empty=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab_c", "d_ef_g", "h", ""), "_", n=2, tokens_only=TRUE, omit_empty=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab_c", "d_ef_g", "h", ""), "_", n=3, tokens_only=TRUE, omit_empty=TRUE)

stri_list2matrix(stri_split_fixed(c("ab,c", "d,ef,g", " ,h", ""), ",", omit_empty=TRUE))
stri_split_fixed(c("ab,c", "d,ef,g", " ,h", ""), ",", omit_empty=FALSE, simplify=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab,c", "d,ef,g", " ,h", ""), ",", omit_empty=NA, simplify=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab,c", "d,ef,g", " ,h", ""), ",", omit_empty=TRUE, simplify=TRUE)
stri_split_fixed(c("ab,c", "d,ef,g", " ,h", ""), ",", omit_empty=NA, simplify=NA)

stri_split_regex(c("ab,c", "d,ef , g", " , h", ""),
  "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}*,\\p{WHITE_SPACE}*", omit_empty=NA, simplify=TRUE)
```

```
stri_split_charclass("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet", "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}")
stri_split_charclass(" Lorem ipsum dolor", "\\p{WHITE_SPACE}", n=3,
  omit_empty=c(FALSE, TRUE))

stri_split_regex("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet",
  "\\p{Z}+") # see also stri_split_charclass
```

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## stri\_split\_boundaries *Split a String at Specific Text Boundaries*

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### Description

This function locates specific text boundaries (like character, word, line, or sentence boundaries) and splits strings at the indicated positions.

### Usage

```
stri_split_boundaries(str, n = -1L, tokens_only = FALSE, simplify = FALSE,
  ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

### Arguments

str	character vector or an object coercible to
n	integer vector, maximal number of strings to return
tokens_only	single logical value; may affect the result if n is positive, see Details
simplify	single logical value; if TRUE or NA, then a character matrix is returned; otherwise (the default), a list of character vectors is given, see Value
...	additional settings for opts_brkiter
opts_brkiter	a named list with <b>ICU</b> BreakIterator's settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_brkiter</a> ; NULL for the default break iterator, i.e. line_break

### Details

Vectorized over str and n.

If n is negative (default), then all pieces are extracted. Otherwise, if tokens\_only is FALSE (this is the default, for compatibility with the **stringr** package), then n-1 tokens are extracted (if possible) and the n-th string gives the (non-split) remainder (see Examples). On the other hand, if tokens\_only is TRUE, then only full tokens (up to n pieces) are extracted.

For more information on the text boundary analysis performed by **ICU**'s BreakIterator, see [stringi-search-boundaries](#).

**Value**

If `simplify=FALSE` (the default), then the functions return a list of character vectors.

Otherwise, `stri_list2matrix` with `byrow=TRUE` and `n_min=n` arguments is called on the resulting object. In such a case, a character matrix with `length(str)` rows is returned. Note that `stri_list2matrix`'s `fill` argument is set to an empty string and `NA`, for `simplify` equal to `TRUE` and `NA`, respectively.

**See Also**

Other `search_split`: [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_split](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other `locale_sensitive`: [%s<%](#), [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other `text_boundaries`: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
test <- "The\u00a0above-mentioned features are very useful. " %s+%
      "Warm thanks to their developers. 123 456 789"
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="line")
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="word")
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="word", skip_word_none=TRUE)
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="word", skip_word_none=TRUE, skip_word_letter=TRUE)
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="word", skip_word_none=TRUE, skip_word_number=TRUE)
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="sentence")
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="sentence", skip_sentence_sep=TRUE)
stri_split_boundaries(test, type="character")

# filtered break iterator with the new ICU:
stri_split_boundaries("Mr. Jones and Mrs. Brown are very happy.
So am I, Prof. Smith.", type="sentence", locale="en_US@ss=standard") # ICU >= 56 only
```

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<code>stri_split_lines</code>	<i>Split a String Into Text Lines</i>
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**Description**

These functions split each character string into text lines.

**Usage**

```
stri_split_lines(str, omit_empty = FALSE)
```

```
stri_split_lines1(str)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector (stri_split_lines) or a single string (stri_split_lines1)
omit_empty	logical vector; determines whether empty strings should be removed from the result [stri_split_lines only]

**Details**

Vectorized over str and omit\_empty.

omit\_empty is applied during splitting. If it is set to TRUE, then empty strings will never appear in the resulting vector.

Newlines are represented on different platforms e.g. by carriage return (CR, 0x0D), line feed (LF, 0x0A), CRLF, or next line (NEL, 0x85). Moreover, the Unicode Standard defines two unambiguous separator characters, Paragraph Separator (PS, 0x2029) and Line Separator (LS, 0x2028). Sometimes also vertical tab (VT, 0x0B) and form feed (FF, 0x0C) are used. These functions follow UTR#18 rules, where a newline sequence corresponds to the following regular expression: `(?:\u{D A}|(?:\u{D A})[\u{A}-\u{D}\u{85}\u{2028}\u{2029}]`. Each match is used to split a text line. For efficiency reasons, the search here is not performed by the regex engine, however.

**Value**

stri\_split\_lines returns a list of character vectors. If any input string is NA, then the corresponding list element is a single NA string.

stri\_split\_lines1(str) is equivalent to stri\_split\_lines(str[1])[[1]] (with default parameters), thus it returns a character vector. Moreover, if the input string ends at a newline sequence, the last empty string is omitted from the result. Therefore, this function may be handy if you wish to split a loaded text file into text lines.

**References**

*Unicode Newline Guidelines* – Unicode Technical Report #13, <http://www.unicode.org/standard/reports/tr13/tr13-5.html>

*Unicode Regular Expressions* – Unicode Technical Standard #18, <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr18/>

**See Also**

Other search\_split: [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

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stri_startswith	<i>Determine if the Start or End of a String Matches a Pattern</i>
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## Description

These functions check if a string starts or ends with a pattern occurrence.

## Usage

```
stri_startswith(str, ..., fixed, coll, charclass)
stri_endswith(str, ..., fixed, coll, charclass)
stri_startswith_fixed(str, pattern, from = 1L, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)
stri_endswith_fixed(str, pattern, to = -1L, ..., opts_fixed = NULL)
stri_startswith_charclass(str, pattern, from = 1L)
stri_endswith_charclass(str, pattern, to = -1L)
stri_startswith_coll(str, pattern, from = 1L, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
stri_endswith_coll(str, pattern, to = -1L, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

## Arguments

str	character vector
...	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on.
pattern, fixed, coll, charclass	character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to <a href="#">stringi-search</a>
from	integer vector
to	integer vector
opts_collator, opts_fixed	a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see <a href="#">stri_opts_collator</a> and <a href="#">stri_opts_fixed</a> , respectively; NULL for default settings;

## Details

Vectorized over `str`, `pattern`, and `from` or `to`.

If `pattern` is empty, then the result is NA and a warning is generated.

Argument `start` controls the start position in `str` at which the pattern is being matched. On the other hand, `to` gives the end position.

Indices given by `from` or `to` are 1-based, i.e., an index equal to 1 denotes the first character in a string, which gives a typical R look-and-feel.

For negative indices in `from` or `to`, counting starts at the end of the string. For instance, index -1 denotes the last code point in the string.

If you wish to test for a pattern match at an arbitrary position in `str`, use [stri\\_detect](#).

`stri_startswith` and `stri_endswith` are convenience functions. They call either `stri*_fixed`, `stri*_coll`, or `stri*_charclass`, depending on the argument used. Relying on these underlying functions directly will make your code run slightly faster.

Note that testing for a pattern match at the start or end of a string has not been implemented separately for regex patterns. For that you may use the `"^"` and `"$"` metacharacters, see [stringi-search-regex](#).

### Value

Each function returns a logical vector.

### See Also

Other `search_detect`: [stri\\_detect](#), [stringi-search](#)

### Examples

```
stri_startswith_charclass(" trim me! ", "\\p{WSpace}")
stri_startswith_fixed(c("a1", "a2", "b3", "a4", "c5"), "a")
stri_detect_regex(c("a1", "a2", "b3", "a4", "c5"), "^a")
stri_startswith_fixed("ababa", "ba")
stri_startswith_fixed("ababa", "ba", from=2)
stri_startswith_coll(c("a1", "A2", "b3", "A4", "C5"), "a", strength=1)
pat <- stri_paste("\u0635\u0644\u0649 \u0627\u0644\u0644\u0647 ",
                 "\u0639\u0644\u064a\u0647 \u0648\u0633\u0644\u0645XYZ")
stri_endswith_coll("\ufdfa\ufdfa\ufdfaXYZ", pat, strength=1)
```

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stri\_stats\_general      *General Statistics for a Character Vector*

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### Description

This function gives general statistics for a character vector, e.g. obtained by loading a text file with the [readLines](#) or [stri\\_read\\_lines](#) function, where each text line' is represented by a separate string.

### Usage

```
stri_stats_general(str)
```



**Arguments**

str                    character vector to be aggregated

**Details**

Any of the strings must not contain `\r` or `\n` characters, otherwise you will get an error.

Below by ‘white space’ we mean the Unicode binary property `WHITE_SPACE`, see `stringi-search-charclass`.

**Value**

Returns an integer vector with the following named elements:

1. Lines - number of lines (number of non-missing strings in the vector);
2. LinesNEmpty - number of lines with at least one non-`WHITE_SPACE` character;
3. Chars - total number of Unicode code points detected;
4. CharsNWhite - number of Unicode code points that are not `WHITE_SPACES`;
5. ... (Other stuff that may appear in future releases of **stringi**).

**See Also**

Other stats: [stri\\_stats\\_latex](#)

**Examples**

```
s <- c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.",
      "nibh augue, suscipit a, scelerisque sed, lacinia in, mi.",
      "Cras vel lorem. Etiam pellentesque aliquet tellus.",
      "")
stri_stats_general(s)
```

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stri\_stats\_latex

*Statistics for a Character Vector Containing LaTeX Commands*

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**Description**

This function gives LaTeX-oriented statistics for a character vector, e.g. obtained by loading a text file with the [readLines](#) function, where each text line is represented by a separate string.

**Usage**

```
stri_stats_latex(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector to be aggregated

**Details**

We use a slightly modified LaTeX Word Count algorithm taken from Kile 2.1.3, see <http://kile.sourceforge.net/team.php> for original contributors.

**Value**

Returns an integer vector with the following named elements:

1. CharsWord - number of word characters;
2. CharsCmdEnvir - command and words characters;
3. CharsWhite - LaTeX white spaces, including { and } in some contexts;
4. Words - number of words;
5. Cmds - number of commands;
6. Envirs - number of environments;
7. ... (Other stuff that may appear in future releases of **stringi**).

**See Also**

Other stats: [stri\\_stats\\_general](#)

**Examples**

```
s <- c("Lorem \\textbf{ipsum} dolor sit \\textit{amet}, consectetur adipisicing elit.",
      "\\begin{small}Proin nibh augue,\\end{small} suscipit a, scelerisque sed, lacinia in, mi.",
      "")
stri_stats_latex(s)
```

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stri\_sub

*Extract a Substring From or Replace a Substring In a Character Vector*

---

**Description**

The first function extracts substrings under code point-based index ranges provided. The second one allows to substitute parts of a string with given strings.

**Usage**

```
stri_sub(str, from = 1L, to = -1L, length)
```

```
stri_sub(str, from = 1L, to = -1L, length, omit_na=FALSE) <- value
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector
from	integer vector or two-column matrix
to	integer vector; mutually exclusive with length and from being a matrix
length	integer vector; mutually exclusive with to and from being a matrix
omit_na	single logical value; if TRUE, missing values in any of the arguments provided will result in an unchanged input; replacement function only
value	character vector to be substituted with; replacement function only

**Details**

Vectorized over str, [value], from and (to or length). to and length are mutually exclusive.

to has priority over length. If from is a two-column matrix, then the first column is used as from and the second one as to. In such case arguments to and length are ignored.

Of course, the indices are code point-based, and not byte-based. Note that for some Unicode strings, the extracted substrings may not be well-formed, especially if the input is not NFC-normalized (see [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#)), includes byte order marks, Bidirectional text marks, and so on. Handle with care.

Indices are 1-based, i.e., an index equal to 1 denotes the first character in a string, which gives a typical R look-and-feel. Argument to defines the last index of the substring, inclusive.

For negative indices in from or to, counting starts at the end of the string. For instance, index -1 denotes the last code point in the string. Non-positive length gives an empty string.

In stri\_sub, out-of-bound indices are silently corrected. If from > to, then an empty string is returned.

In stri\_sub<-, some configurations of indices may work as string concatenation at the front, back, or middle.

**Value**

stri\_sub returns a character vector. stri\_sub<- changes the str object.

The extract function stri\_sub returns the indicated substrings. The replacement function stri\_sub<- is invoked for its side effect: after a call, str is modified.

**See Also**

Other indexing: [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all](#)

**Examples**

```
s <- "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit."
stri_sub(s, from=1:3*6, to=21)
stri_sub(s, from=c(1,7,13), length=5)
stri_sub(s, from=1, length=1:3)
stri_sub(s, -17, -7)
stri_sub(s, -5, length=4)
(stri_sub(s, 1, 5) <- "stringi")
```

```
(stri_sub(s, -6, length=5) <- ".")
(stri_sub(s, 1, 1:3) <- 1:2)

x <- c("a;b", "c:d")
(stri_sub(x, stri_locate_first_fixed(x, ";"), omit_na=TRUE) <- "_")
```

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stri\_subset

*Select Elements that Match a Given Pattern*


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### Description

These functions return or modify a subvector consisting of strings that match a given pattern. In other words, they are roughly equivalent (but faster and easier to use) to a call to `str[stri_detect(str, ...)]` or `str[stri_detect(str, ...)] <- value`.

### Usage

```
stri_subset(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass)

stri_subset(str, ..., regex, fixed, coll, charclass) <- value

stri_subset_fixed(str, pattern, omit_na = FALSE, negate = FALSE, ...,
  opts_fixed = NULL)

stri_subset_fixed(str, pattern, negate=FALSE, ..., opts_fixed=NULL) <- value

stri_subset_charclass(str, pattern, omit_na = FALSE, negate = FALSE)

stri_subset_charclass(str, pattern, negate=FALSE) <- value

stri_subset_coll(str, pattern, omit_na = FALSE, negate = FALSE, ...,
  opts_collator = NULL)

stri_subset_coll(str, pattern, negate=FALSE, ..., opts_collator=NULL) <- value

stri_subset_regex(str, pattern, omit_na = FALSE, negate = FALSE, ...,
  opts_regex = NULL)

stri_subset_regex(str, pattern, negate=FALSE, ..., opts_regex=NULL) <- value
```

### Arguments

<code>str</code>	character vector with strings to search in
<code>...</code>	supplementary arguments passed to the underlying functions, including additional settings for <code>opts_collator</code> , <code>opts_regex</code> , <code>opts_fixed</code> , and so on
<code>value</code>	character vector to be substituted with; replacement function only

pattern, regex, fixed, coll, charclass  
 character vector defining search patterns; for more details refer to [stringi-search](#);  
 the replacement functions accept only one pattern at a time

omit\_na           single logical value; should missing values be excluded from the result?

negate           single logical value; whether a no-match is rather of interest

opts\_collator, opts\_fixed, opts\_regex  
 a named list used to tune up a search engine's settings; see [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#),  
[stri\\_opts\\_fixed](#), and [stri\\_opts\\_regex](#), respectively; NULL for default settings;

### Details

Vectorized over `str`, and `pattern` or `value` (replacement version).

`stri_subset` and `stri_subset<-` are convenience functions. They call either `stri_subset_regex`, `stri_subset_fixed`, `stri_subset_coll`, or `stri_subset_charclass`, depending on the argument used. Relying on these underlying functions will make your code run slightly faster.

### Value

The `stri_subset` functions return a character vector. As usual, the output encoding is always UTF-8.

The `stri_subset<-` functions change the `str` object.

### See Also

Other search\_subset: [stringi-search](#)

### Examples

```
stri_subset_regex(c("stringi R", "123", "ID456", ""), "[^0-9]+$")
```

```
x <- c("stringi R", "123", "ID456", "")
stri_subset_regex(x, "[^0-9]+$") <- NA
print(x)
```

```
x <- c("stringi R", "123", "ID456", "")
stri_subset_regex(x, "[^0-9]+$", negate=TRUE) <- NA
print(x)
```

## Description

stri\_timezone\_set changes the current default time zone for all functions in the **stringi** package, i.e. establishes the meaning of the “NULL time zone” argument to date/time processing functions. On the other hand, stri\_timezone\_get gets the current default time zone.

For more information on time zone representation in **ICU** and **stringi**, refer to [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#).

## Usage

```
stri_timezone_get()
```

```
stri_timezone_set(tz)
```

## Arguments

tz                    single string; time zone identifier

## Details

Unless the default time zone has already been set using stri\_timezone\_set, the default time zone is determined by querying the OS with methods in **ICU**'s internal platform utilities.

## Value

stri\_timezone\_set returns a string with previously used timezone, invisibly.

stri\_timezone\_get returns a single string with the current default time zone.

## References

*TimeZone* class – ICU API Documentation, [http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu\\_1\\_1TimeZone.html](http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu_1_1TimeZone.html)

## See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

Other timezone: [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
oldtz <- stri_timezone_set("Europe/Warsaw")
# ... many time zone-dependent operations
stri_timezone_set(oldtz) # restore previous default time zone

## End(Not run)
```

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stri\_timezone\_info      *Query a Given Time Zone*

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## Description

Provides some basic information on a given time zone identifier.

## Usage

```
stri_timezone_info(tz = NULL, locale = NULL, display_type = "long")
```

## Arguments

tz	NULL or "" for default time zone, or a single string with time zone ID otherwise
locale	NULL or "" for default locale, or a single string with locale identifier
display_type	single string; one of "short", "long", "generic_short", "generic_long", "gmt_short", "gmt_long", "common", "generic_location"

## Details

With this function you may fetch some basic information on any supported time zone.

For more information on time zone representation in **ICU**, see [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#).

## Value

Returns a list with the following named components:

1. ID (time zone identifier),
2. Name (localized human-readable time zone name),
3. Name.Daylight (localized human-readable time zone name when DST is used, if available),
4. Name.Windows (Windows time zone ID, if available),
5. RawOffset (raw GMT offset, in hours, before taking daylight savings into account), and
6. UsesDaylightTime (states whether a time zone uses daylight savings time in the current Gregorian calendar year).

## See Also

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

Other timezone: [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_list](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_timezone_info()
stri_timezone_info(locale="sk_SK")
sapply(c("short", "long", "generic_short", "generic_long",
        "gmt_short", "gmt_long", "common", "generic_location"),
       function(e) stri_timezone_info("Europe/London", display_type=e))
```

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stri\_timezone\_list      *List Available Time Zone Identifiers*

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**Description**

Returns a list of available time zone identifiers.

**Usage**

```
stri_timezone_list(region = NA_character_, offset = NA_integer_)
```

**Arguments**

region	single string; a ISO 3166 two-letter country code or UN M.49 three-digit area code; NA for all regions
offset	single numeric value; a given raw offset from GMT, in hours; NA for all offsets

**Details**

If offset and region are NA (the default), then all time zones are returned. Otherwise, only time zone identifiers with a given raw offset from GMT and/or time zones corresponding to a given region are provided. Note that the effect of daylight savings time is ignored.

A time zone represents an offset applied to the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) to obtain local time (Universal Coordinated Time, or UTC, is similar, but not precisely identical, to GMT; in ICU the two terms are used interchangeably since ICU does not concern itself with either leap seconds or historical behavior). The offset might vary throughout the year, if daylight savings time (DST) is used, or might be the same all year long. Typically, regions closer to the equator do not use DST. If DST is in use, then specific rules define the point at which the offset changes and the amount by which it changes.

If DST is observed, then three additional bits of information are needed:

1. The precise date and time during the year when DST begins. In the first half of the year it's in the northern hemisphere, and in the second half of the year it's in the southern hemisphere.
2. The precise date and time during the year when DST ends. In the first half of the year it's in the southern hemisphere, and in the second half of the year it's in the northern hemisphere.
3. The amount by which the GMT offset changes when DST is in effect. This is almost always one hour.



**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**References**

*TimeZone* class – ICU API Documentation, [http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu\\_1\\_1TimeZone.html](http://www.icu-project.org/apiref/icu4c/classicu_1_1TimeZone.html)

*ICU 4.8 Time Zone Names*. <http://site.icu-project.org/design/formatting/timezone/icu-4-8-time-zone-names>

*ICU TimeZone classes* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/datetime/timezone>

*Date/Time Services* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/datetime>

**See Also**

Other datetime: [stri\\_datetime\\_add](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_create](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fields](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_format](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_fstr](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_now](#), [stri\\_datetime\\_symbols](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#)

Other timezone: [stri\\_timezone\\_get](#), [stri\\_timezone\\_info](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_timezone_list()
stri_timezone_list(offset=1)
stri_timezone_list(offset=5.5)
stri_timezone_list(offset=5.75)
stri_timezone_list(region="PL")
stri_timezone_list(region="US", offset=-10)

# Fetch info on all time zones
do.call(rbind.data.frame,
  lapply(stri_timezone_list(), function(tz) stri_timezone_info(tz)))
```

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stri_trans_char	<i>Translate Characters</i>
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**Description**

Translates Unicode code points in each input string.

**Usage**

```
stri_trans_char(str, pattern, replacement)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector
pattern	a single character string providing code points to be translated
replacement	a single character string giving translated code points

**Details**

Vectorized over `str` and with respect to each code point in `pattern` and `replacement`.

If `pattern` and `replacement` consist of a different number of code points, then the extra code points in the longer of the two are ignored, with a warning.

If code points in a given `pattern` are not unique, last corresponding `replacement` code point is used.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**See Also**

Other transform: [stri\\_trans\\_general](#), [stri\\_trans\\_list](#), [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_trans_char("id.123", ".", "_")
stri_trans_char("babaab", "ab", "01")
```

---

`stri_trans_general`      *General Text Transforms, Including Transliteration*

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**Description**

**ICU** General transforms provide a general-purpose package for processing Unicode text. They are a powerful and flexible mechanism for handling a variety of different tasks, including:

- Upper Case, Lower Case, Title Case, Full/Halfwidth conversions,
- Normalization,
- Hex and Character Name conversions,
- Script to Script conversion/transliteration.

**Usage**

```
stri_trans_general(str, id)
```

**Arguments**

<code>str</code>	character vector
<code>id</code>	a single string with transform identifier, see <a href="#">stri_trans_list</a>

## Details

ICU Transforms were mainly designed to transliterate characters from one script to another (for example, from Greek to Latin, or Japanese Katakana to Latin). However, the services performed here represent a much more general mechanism capable of handling a much broader range of tasks. In particular, the Transforms include pre-built transformations for case conversions, for normalization conversions, for the removal of given characters, and also for a variety of language and script transliterations. Transforms can be chained together to perform a series of operations and each step of the process can use a UnicodeSet to restrict the characters that are affected.

To get the list of available transforms, call `stri_trans_list`.

Note that transliterators are often combined in sequence to achieve a desired transformation. This is analogous to the composition of mathematical functions. For example, given a script that converts lowercase ASCII characters from Latin script to Katakana script, it is convenient to first (1) separate input base characters and accents, and then (2) convert uppercase to lowercase. To achieve this, a compound transform can be specified as follows: `NFKD; Lower; Latin-Katakana`;

## Value

Returns a character vector.

## References

*General Transforms* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/transforms/general>

## See Also

Other transform: `stri_trans_char`, `stri_trans_list`, `stri_trans_nfc`, `stri_trans_tolower`

## Examples

```
stri_trans_general("gro\u00df", "latin-ascii")
stri_trans_general("stringi", "latin-greek")
stri_trans_general("stringi", "latin-cyrillic")
stri_trans_general("stringi", "upper") # see stri_trans_toupper
stri_trans_general("\u0104", "nfd; lower") # compound id; see stri_trans_nfd
stri_trans_general("tato nie wraca ranki wieczory", "pl-pl_FONIPA")
stri_trans_general("\u2620", "any-name") # character name
stri_trans_general("\N{latin small letter a}", "name-any") # decode name
stri_trans_general("\u2620", "hex") # to hex
```

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`stri_trans_list`

*List Available Text Transforms and Transliterators*

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## Description

Returns a list of available text transform identifiers. Each of them may be used in `stri_trans_general` tasks.

**Usage**

```
stri_trans_list()
```

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**References**

*General Transforms* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/transforms/general>

**See Also**

Other transform: [stri\\_trans\\_char](#), [stri\\_trans\\_general](#), [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#)

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stri\_trans\_nfc

*Perform or Check For Unicode Normalization*

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**Description**

These functions convert strings to NFC, NFKC, NFD, NFKD, or NFKC\_Casefold Unicode Normalization Form or check whether strings are normalized.

**Usage**

```
stri_trans_nfc(str)
```

```
stri_trans_nfd(str)
```

```
stri_trans_nfkd(str)
```

```
stri_trans_nfkc(str)
```

```
stri_trans_nfkc_casefold(str)
```

```
stri_trans_isnfc(str)
```

```
stri_trans_isnfd(str)
```

```
stri_trans_isnfkd(str)
```

```
stri_trans_isnfkc(str)
```

```
stri_trans_isnfkc_casefold(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector to be encoded

## Details

Unicode Normalization Forms are formally defined normalizations of Unicode strings which e.g. make possible to determine whether any two strings are equivalent. Essentially, the Unicode Normalization Algorithm puts all combining marks in a specified order, and uses rules for decomposition and composition to transform each string into one of the Unicode Normalization Forms.

The following Normalization Forms (NFs) are supported:

- NFC (Canonical Decomposition, followed by Canonical Composition),
- NFD (Canonical Decomposition),
- NFKC (Compatibility Decomposition, followed by Canonical Composition),
- NFKD (Compatibility Decomposition),
- NFKC\_Casfold (combination of NFKC, case folding, and removing ignorable characters which was introduced with Unicode 5.2).

Note that many W3C Specifications recommend using NFC for all content, because this form avoids potential interoperability problems arising from the use of canonically equivalent, yet different, character sequences in document formats on the Web. Thus, you will rather not use these functions in typical string processing activities. Most often you may assume that a string is in NFC, see RFC#5198.

As usual in **stringi**, if the input character vector is in the native encoding, it will be converted to UTF-8 automatically.

For more general text transforms refer to [stri\\_trans\\_general](#).

## Value

The `stri_trans_nf*` functions return a character vector of the same length as input (the output is always in UTF-8).

On the other hand, `stri_trans_isnf*` return a logical vector.

## References

*Unicode Normalization Forms* – Unicode Standard Annex #15, <http://unicode.org/reports/tr15>

*Unicode Format for Network Interchange* – RFC#5198, <http://tools.ietf.org/rfc/rfc5198.txt>

*Character Model for the World Wide Web 1.0: Normalization* – W3C Working Draft, <http://www.w3.org/TR/charmod-norm/>

*Normalization* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/transforms/normalization> (technical details)

*Unicode Equivalence* – Wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unicode\\_equivalence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unicode_equivalence)

## See Also

Other transform: [stri\\_trans\\_char](#), [stri\\_trans\\_general](#), [stri\\_trans\\_list](#), [stri\\_trans\\_tolower](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_trans_nfd("\u0105") # Polish a with ogonek -> a, ogonek
stri_trans_nfkc("\ufdfa") # 1 codepoint -> 18 codepoints
```

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stri\_trans\_tolower      *Transform String with Case Mapping*

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**Description**

These functions transform strings either to lower case, UPPER CASE, or to Title Case.

**Usage**

```
stri_trans_tolower(str, locale = NULL)
stri_trans_toupper(str, locale = NULL)
stri_trans_totitle(str, ..., opts_brkiter = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

str	character vector
locale	NULL or "" for case mapping following the conventions of the default locale, or a single string with locale identifier, see <a href="#">stringi-locale</a> .
...	additional settings for opts_brkiter
opts_brkiter	a named list with ICU BreakIterator's settings as generated with <a href="#">stri_opts_brkiter</a> ; NULL for default break iterator, i.e. word; stri_trans_totitle only

**Details**

Vectorized over str.

ICU implements full Unicode string case mappings. In general,

- case mapping can change the number of code points and/or code units of a string,
- is language-sensitive (results may differ depending on locale), and
- is context-sensitive (a character in the input string may map differently depending on surrounding characters).

With stri\_trans\_totitle, if word BreakIterator is used (the default), then the first letter of each word will be capitalized and the rest will be transformed to lower case. With a break iterator of type sentence, the first letter of each sentence will be capitalized only. Note that according the ICU User Guide, the string "one. two. three." consists of one sentence.

For more general (but not locale dependent) text transforms refer to [stri\\_trans\\_general](#).

**Value**

Each function returns a character vector.

**References**

*Case Mappings* – ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/transforms/casemappings>

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: %s<%, [stri\\_compare](#), [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_duplicated](#), [stri\\_enc\\_detect2](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#), [stri\\_order](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_unique](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-locale](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search-coll](#)

Other transform: [stri\\_trans\\_char](#), [stri\\_trans\\_general](#), [stri\\_trans\\_list](#), [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#)

Other text\_boundaries: [stri\\_count\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_extract\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_locate\\_all\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_opts\\_brkiter](#), [stri\\_split\\_boundaries](#), [stri\\_split\\_lines](#), [stri\\_wrap](#), [stringi-search-boundaries](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_trans_toupper("\u00DF", "de_DE") # small German Eszett / scharfes S
stri_cmp_eq(stri_trans_toupper("i", "en_US"), stri_trans_toupper("i", "tr_TR"))
stri_trans_toupper(c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_trans_tolower(c('AbC', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_trans_totitle(c('AbC', '123', '\u0105\u0104'))
stri_trans_totitle("GOOD-OLD c00kiE m0nSTeR IS watCHinG You. Here HE comes!") # word boundary
stri_trans_totitle("GOOD-OLD c00kiE m0nSTeR IS watCHinG You. Here HE comes!", type="sentence")
```

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stri\_trim\_both

*Trim Characters from the Left and/or Right Side of a String*

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**Description**

These functions may be used e.g. to get rid of unnecessary whitespaces from strings. Trimming ends at the first or starts at the last pattern match.

**Usage**

```
stri_trim_both(str, pattern = "\\P{Wspace}")
```

```
stri_trim_left(str, pattern = "\\P{Wspace}")
```

```
stri_trim_right(str, pattern = "\\P{Wspace}")
```

```
stri_trim(str, side = c("both", "left", "right"), pattern = "\\P{Wspace}")
```

**Arguments**

str	a character vector of strings to be trimmed
pattern	a single pattern, specifying character classes that should be preserved (see <a href="#">stringi-search-charclass</a> ). Defaults to <code>'\P{Wspace}'</code> .
side	character [ <code>stri_trim</code> only]; defaults to <code>"both"</code>

**Details**

Vectorized over `str` and `pattern`.

`stri_trim` is a wrapper, which calls `stri_trim_left` or `stri_trim_right` as appropriate. It's slightly slower than `trim_left` or `trim_right`, and so shouldn't be used except for convenience.

Contrary to many other string processing libraries, our trimming functions are quite general. A character class, given by `pattern`, may be adjusted to suit your needs (most often you will use the default value). On the other hand, for replacing pattern matches with arbitrary replacement string, see [stri\\_replace](#).

Interestingly, with these functions you may sometimes extract data, which in some cases require using regular expressions. E.g. you may get `"23.5"` out of `"total of 23.5 bitcoins"`.

For trimming whitespaces, please note the difference between Unicode binary property `'\p{Wspace}'` (more general) and general character category `'\p{Z}'`, see [stringi-search-charclass](#).

**Value**

All these functions return a character vector.

**See Also**

Other `search_replace`: [stri\\_replace\\_all](#), [stri\\_replace\\_na](#), [stringi-search](#)

Other `search_charclass`: [stringi-search-charclass](#), [stringi-search](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_trim_left("          aaa")
stri_trim_right("rexamine.com/", "\\p{P}")
stri_trim_both(" Total of 23.5 bitcoins. ", "\\p{N}")
stri_trim_both(" Total of 23.5 bitcoins. ", "\\p{L}")
```

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`stri_unescape_unicode` *Unescape All Escape Sequences*

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**Description**

Unescapes all known escape sequences



**Usage**

```
stri_unescape_unicode(str)
```

**Arguments**

str                    character vector

**Details**

Uses **ICU** facilities to unescape Unicode character sequences.

The following ASCII standard escapes are recognized: \a, \b, \t, \n, \v, \?, \e, \f, \r, \", \', \\. .

Moreover, the function understands the following ones: \uXXXX (4 hex digits), \UXXXXXXXX (8 hex digits), \xXX (1-2 hex digits), \ooo (1-3 octal digits), \cX (control-X; X is masked with 0x1F). For \xXX and \ooo beware of non-valid UTF8 byte sequences.

Note that some versions of **R** on Windows cannot handle characters defined with \UXXXXXXXX. We are working on that.

**Value**

Returns a character vector. If an escape sequence is ill-formed, result will be NA and a warning will be given.

**See Also**

Other escape: [stri\\_escape\\_unicode](#)

**Examples**

```
stri_unescape_unicode("a\\u0105!\\u0032\\n")
```

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stri\_unique                    *Extract Unique Elements*

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**Description**

This function returns a character vector like `str`, but with duplicate elements removed.

**Usage**

```
stri_unique(str, ..., opts_collator = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

str                    a character vector  
 ...                    additional settings for `opts_collator`  
 opts\_collator        a named list with **ICU** Collator's options as generated with [stri\\_opts\\_collator](#),  
 NULL for default collation options

**Details**

As usual in **stringi**, no attributes are copied. Unlike **unique**, this function tests for canonical equivalence of strings (and not whether the strings are just bitwise equal). Such an operation is locale-dependent. Hence, **stri\_unique** is significantly slower (but much better suited for natural language processing) than its base R counterpart.

See also **stri\_duplicated** for indicating non-unique elements.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**References**

*Collation* - ICU User Guide, <http://userguide.icu-project.org/collation>

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: %s<%, **stri\_compare**, **stri\_count\_boundaries**, **stri\_duplicated**, **stri\_enc\_detect2**, **stri\_extract\_all\_boundaries**, **stri\_locate\_all\_boundaries**, **stri\_opts\_collator**, **stri\_order**, **stri\_split\_boundaries**, **stri\_trans\_tolower**, **stri\_wrap**, **stringi-locale**, **stringi-search-boundaries**, **stringi-search-coll**

**Examples**

```
# normalized and non-Unicode-normalized version of the same code point:
stri_unique(c("\u0105", stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105")))
unique(c("\u0105", stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105")))

stri_unique(c("gro\u00df", "GROSS", "Gro\u00df", "Gross"), strength=1)
```

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stri\_width

*Determine the Width of Code Points*


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**Description**

Approximates the number of text columns the `cat()` function should utilize to print a string with a monospaced font.

**Usage**

```
stri_width(str)
```

**Arguments**

**str** character vector or an object coercible to

## Details

The Unicode standard does not formalize the notion of a character width. Roughly basing on <http://www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~mgk25/ucs/wcwidth.c> and the UAX #11 we proceed as follows. The following code points are of width 0:

- code points with general category (see [stringi-search-charclass](#)) Me, Mn, and Cf),
- C0 and C1 control codes (general category Cc) - for compatibility with the [nchar](#) function,
- Hangul Jamo medial vowels and final consonants (code points with enumerable property UCHAR\_HANGUL\_SYLLABLE\_TYPE equal to U\_HST\_VOWEL\_JAMO or U\_HST\_TRAILING\_JAMO; note that applying the NFC normalization with [stri\\_trans\\_nfc](#) is encouraged),
- ZERO WIDTH SPACE (U+200B),

Characters with the UCHAR\_EAST\_ASIAN\_WIDTH enumerable property equal to U\_EA\_FULLWIDTH or U\_EA\_WIDE are of width 2. SOFT HYPHEN (U+00AD) (for compatibility with [nchar](#)) as well as any other characters have width 1.

## Value

Returns an integer vector of the same length as `str`.

## References

*East Asian Width* – Unicode Standard Annex #11, <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr11/>

## See Also

Other length: [stri\\_isempty](#), [stri\\_length](#), [stri\\_numbytes](#)

## Examples

```
stri_width(LETTERS[1:5])
nchar(stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105"), "width") # provides incorrect information
stri_width(stri_trans_nfkd("\u0105"))
stri_width( # Full-width equivalents of ASCII characters:
  stri_enc_fromutf32(as.list(c(0x3000, 0xFF01:0xFF5E)))
)
stri_width(stri_trans_nfkd("\ubc1f")) # includes Hangul Jamo medial vowels and final consonants
```

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stri\_wrap

*Word Wrap Text to Format Paragraphs*

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## Description

This function breaks text paragraphs into lines, of total width - if it is possible - of at most given width.

**Usage**

```
stri_wrap(str, width = floor(0.9 * getOption("width")), cost_exponent = 2,
  simplify = TRUE, normalize = TRUE, indent = 0, exdent = 0,
  prefix = "", initial = prefix, whitespace_only = FALSE,
  use_length = FALSE, locale = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>str</code>	character vector of strings to reformat
<code>width</code>	single integer giving the suggested maximal number of code points per line
<code>cost_exponent</code>	single numeric value, values not greater than zero will select a greedy word-wrapping algorithm; otherwise this value denotes the exponent in the cost function of a (more aesthetic) dynamic programming-based algorithm (values in [2, 3] are recommended)
<code>simplify</code>	single logical value, see Value
<code>normalize</code>	single logical value, see Details
<code>indent</code>	single non-negative integer; gives the indentation of the first line in each paragraph
<code>exdent</code>	single non-negative integer; specifies the indentation of subsequent lines in paragraphs
<code>prefix, initial</code>	single strings; <code>prefix</code> is used as prefix for each line except the first, for which <code>initial</code> is utilized
<code>whitespace_only</code>	single logical value; allow breaks only at whitespaces? if FALSE, ICU's line break iterator is used to split text into words, which is suitable for natural language processing
<code>use_length</code>	single logical value; should the number of code points be used instead of the total code point width (see <a href="#">stri_width</a> )?
<code>locale</code>	NULL or "" for text boundary analysis following the conventions of the default locale, or a single string with locale identifier, see <a href="#">stringi-locale</a>

**Details**

Vectorized over `str`.

If `whitespace_only` is FALSE, then ICU's `line-BreakIterator` is used to determine text boundaries at which a line break is possible. This is a locale-dependent operation. Otherwise, the breaks are only at whitespaces.

Note that Unicode code points may have various widths when printed on the console and that the function takes that by default into account. By changing the state of the `use_length` argument, this function starts to act like each code point was of width 1. This feature should rather be used with text in Latin script.

If `normalize` is FALSE, then multiple white spaces between the word boundaries are preserved within each wrapped line. In such a case, none of the strings can contain `\r`, `\n`, or other new line

characters, otherwise you will get an error. You should split the input text into lines or e.g. substitute line breaks with spaces before applying this function.

On the other hand, if `normalize` is `TRUE`, then all consecutive white space (ASCII space, horizontal TAB, CR, LF) sequences are replaced with single ASCII spaces before actual string wrapping. Moreover, `stri_split_lines` and `stri_trans_nfc` is called on the input character vector. This is for compatibility with `strwrap`.

The greedy algorithm (for `cost_exponent` being non-positive) provides a very simple way for word wrapping. It always puts as many words in each line as possible. This method – contrary to the dynamic algorithm – does not minimize the number of spaces left at the end of every line. The dynamic algorithm (a.k.a. Knuth’s word wrapping algorithm) is more complex, but it returns text wrapped in a more aesthetic way. This method minimizes the squared (by default, see `cost_exponent`) number of spaces (raggedness) at the end of each line, so the text is more evenly arranged. Note that the cost of printing the last line is always zero.

## Value

If `simplify` is `TRUE`, then a character vector is returned. Otherwise, you will get a list of `length(str)` character vectors.

## References

D.E. Knuth, M.F. Plass, Breaking paragraphs into lines, *Software: Practice and Experience* 11(11), 1981, pp. 1119–1184

## See Also

Other locale\_sensitive: `%s<%`, `stri_compare`, `stri_count_boundaries`, `stri_duplicated`, `stri_enc_detect2`, `stri_extract_all_boundaries`, `stri_locate_all_boundaries`, `stri_opts_collator`, `stri_order`, `stri_split_boundaries`, `stri_trans_tolower`, `stri_unique`, `stringi-locale`, `stringi-search-boundaries`, `stringi-search-coll`

Other text\_boundaries: `stri_count_boundaries`, `stri_extract_all_boundaries`, `stri_locate_all_boundaries`, `stri_opts_brkiter`, `stri_split_boundaries`, `stri_split_lines`, `stri_trans_tolower`, `stringi-search-boundaries`, `stringi-search`

## Examples

```
s <- stri_paste(
  "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Proin ",
  "nibh augue, suscipit a, scelerisque sed, lacinia in, mi. Cras vel ",
  "lorem. Etiam pellentesque aliquet tellus.")
cat(stri_wrap(s, 20, 0.0), sep="\n") # greedy
cat(stri_wrap(s, 20, 2.0), sep="\n") # dynamic
cat(stri_pad(stri_wrap(s), side='both'), sep="\n")
```

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stri\_write\_lines      *[DRAFT API] Write Text Lines to a Text File*

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### Description

Writes a text file such that each element of a given character vector becomes a separate text line.

**[THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL FUNCTION]**

### Usage

```
stri_write_lines(str, fname, encoding = "UTF-8",  
  sep = ifelse(.Platform$OS.type == "windows", "\r\n", "\n"))
```

### Arguments

str	character vector
fname	file name
encoding	output encoding, NULL or "" for the current default one
sep	newline separator

### Details

It is a substitute for the R [writeLines](#) function, with the ability to re-encode output without any strange function calls.

Note that we suggest using the UTF-8 encoding for all text files: thus, it is the default one for the output.

### Value

This function does not return anything interesting

### See Also

Other files: [stri\\_read\\_lines](#), [stri\\_read\\_raw](#)

**Description**

Relational operators for comparing corresponding strings in two character vectors, with a typical R look-and-feel.

**Usage**`e1 %s<% e2``e1 %s<=% e2``e1 %s>% e2``e1 %s>=% e2``e1 %s==% e2``e1 %s!=% e2``e1 %s===% e2``e1 %s!===% e2``e1 %stri<% e2``e1 %stri<=% e2``e1 %stri>% e2``e1 %stri>=% e2``e1 %stri==% e2``e1 %stri!=% e2``e1 %stri===% e2``e1 %stri!===% e2`**Arguments**

`e1`, `e2` character vectors or objects coercible to character vectors

**Details**

These functions call `stri_cmp_le` or its friends, using default collator options. Thus, they are vectorized over `e1` and `e2`.

`%stri==%` tests for canonical equivalence of strings (see `stri_cmp_equiv`) and is a locale-dependent operation. On the other hand, `%stri===%` performs a locale-independent, code point-based comparison.

**Value**

All the functions return a logical vector indicating the result of a pairwise comparison. As usual, the elements of shorter vectors are recycled if necessary.

**See Also**

Other locale\_sensitive: `stri_compare`, `stri_count_boundaries`, `stri_duplicated`, `stri_enc_detect2`, `stri_extract_all_boundaries`, `stri_locate_all_boundaries`, `stri_opts_collator`, `stri_order`, `stri_split_boundaries`, `stri_trans_tolower`, `stri_unique`, `stri_wrap`, `stringi-locale`, `stringi-search-boundaries`, `stringi-search-coll`

**Examples**

```
"a" %stri<% "b"
c("a", "b", "c") %stri>=% "b"
```

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%s+%

*Concatenate Two Character Vectors*

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**Description**

Binary operators for joining (concatenating) two character vectors, with a typical R look-and-feel.

**Usage**

```
e1 %s+% e2
```

```
e1 %stri+% e2
```

**Arguments**

`e1` a character vector or an object coercible to a character vector

`e2` a character vector or an object coercible to a character vector



**Details**

Vectorized over `e1` and `e2`.

These operators act like a call to `stri_join(e1, e2, sep="")`. However, note that joining 3 vectors, e.g. `e1 %++ e2 %++ e3` is slower than `stri_join(e1, e2, e3, sep="")`, because it creates a new (temporary) result vector each time the operator is applied.

**Value**

Returns a character vector.

**Examples**

```
c('abc', '123', '\u0105\u0104') %stri+% letters[1:6]
'ID_' %stri+% 1:5
```

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