

# Package ‘tidyr’

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complete	<i>Complete a data frame with missing combinations of data.</i>
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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	<p>Specification of columns to expand.</p> <p>To find all unique combinations of x, y and z, including those not found in the data, supply each variable as a separate argument. To find only the combinations that occur in the data, use nest: <code>expand(df, nesting(x, y, z))</code>.</p> <p>You can combine the two forms. For example, <code>expand(df, nesting(school_id, student_id), date)</code> would produce a row for every student for each date.</p> <p>For factors, the full set of levels (not just those that appear in the data) are used. For continuous variables, you may need to fill in values that don't appear in the data: to do so use expressions like <code>year = 2010:2020</code> or <code>year = full_seq(year, 1)</code>. Length-zero (empty) elements are automatically dropped.</p>
fill	A named list that for each variable supplies a single value to use instead of NA for missing combinations.

**Details**

If you supply `fill`, these values will also replace existing explicit missing values in the data set.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr, warn.conflicts = FALSE)
df <- tibble(
  group = c(1:2, 1),
  item_id = c(1:2, 2),
  item_name = c("a", "b", "b"),
  value1 = 1:3,
  value2 = 4:6
)
df %>% complete(group, nesting(item_id, item_name))

# You can also choose to fill in missing values
df %>% complete(group, nesting(item_id, item_name), fill = list(value1 = 0))
```

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drop_na	<i>Drop rows containing missing values</i>
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**Description**

Drop rows containing missing values

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>...</code>	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between <code>x</code> and <code>z</code> with <code>x:z</code> , exclude <code>y</code> with <code>-y</code> . For more options, see the <a href="#"><code>dplyr::select()</code></a> documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.

**Rules for selection**

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

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

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

If you really need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can unquote them with the tidy eval operator `!!`. This operator evaluates its argument in the context and inlines the result in the surrounding function call. For instance, `c(x, !! x)` selects the `x` column within the data frame and the column referred to by the object `x` defined in the context (which can contain either a column name as string or a column position).

## Examples

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

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expand

*Expand data frame to include all combinations of values*

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## Description

`expand()` is often useful in conjunction with `left_join` if you want to convert implicit missing values to explicit missing values. Or you can use it in conjunction with `anti_join()` to figure out which combinations are missing.

## Usage

```
expand(data, ...)
```

```
crossing(...)
```

```
nesting(...)
```

## Arguments

`data` A data frame.

`...` Specification of columns to expand.

To find all unique combinations of `x`, `y` and `z`, including those not found in the data, supply each variable as a separate argument. To find only the combinations that occur in the data, use `nest`: `expand(df, nesting(x, y, z))`.

You can combine the two forms. For example, `expand(df, nesting(school_id, student_id), date)` would produce a row for every student for each date.

For factors, the full set of levels (not just those that appear in the data) are used.

For continuous variables, you may need to fill in values that don't appear in the data: to do so use expressions like `year = 2010:2020` or `year = full_seq(year, 1)`.

Length-zero (empty) elements are automatically dropped.

## Details

`crossing()` is similar to `expand.grid()`, this never converts strings to factors, returns a `tbl_df` without additional attributes, and first factors vary slowest. `nesting()` is the complement to `crossing()`: it only keeps combinations of all variables that appear in the data.

## See Also

`complete()` for a common application of `expand`: completing a data frame with missing combinations.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)
# All possible combinations of vs & cyl, even those that aren't
# present in the data
expand(mtcars, vs, cyl)

# Only combinations of vs and cyl that appear in the data
expand(mtcars, nesting(vs, cyl))

# Implicit missings -----
df <- tibble(
  year = c(2010, 2010, 2010, 2010, 2012, 2012, 2012),
  qtr = c( 1,  2,  3,  4,  1,  2,  3),
  return = rnorm(7)
)
df %>% expand(year, qtr)
df %>% expand(year = 2010:2012, qtr)
df %>% expand(year = full_seq(year, 1), qtr)
df %>% complete(year = full_seq(year, 1), qtr)

# Nesting -----
# Each person was given one of two treatments, repeated three times
# But some of the replications haven't happened yet, so we have
# incomplete data:
experiment <- tibble(
  name = rep(c("Alex", "Robert", "Sam"), c(3, 2, 1)),
  trt = rep(c("a", "b", "a"), c(3, 2, 1)),
  rep = c(1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 1),
  measurement_1 = runif(6),
  measurement_2 = runif(6)
)

# We can figure out the complete set of data with expand()
# Each person only gets one treatment, so we nest name and trt together:
all <- experiment %>% expand(nesting(name, trt), rep)
all

# We can use anti_join to figure out which observations are missing
all %>% anti_join(experiment)

# And use right_join to add in the appropriate missing values to the
```

```
# original data
experiment %>% right_join(all)
# Or use the complete() short-hand
experiment %>% complete(nesting(name, trt), rep)
```

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extract	<i>Extract one column into multiple columns.</i>
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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	Column name or position. This is passed to <code>tidyselect::vars_pull()</code> . This argument is passed by expression and supports <a href="#">quasiquotation</a> (you can unquote column names or column positions).
into	Names of new variables to create as character vector.
regex	a regular expression used to extract the desired values. The should be one group (defined by <code>()</code> ) for each element of <code>into</code> .
remove	If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.
convert	If TRUE, will run <code>type.convert()</code> with <code>as.is = TRUE</code> on new columns. This is useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical.
...	Other arguments passed on to <code>regexec()</code> to control how the regular expression is processed.

## Examples

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

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

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fill	<i>Fill in missing values.</i>
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### Description

Fills missing values in using the previous entry. This is useful in the common output format where values are not repeated, they're recorded each time they change.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

data	A data frame.
...	<p>Specification of columns to expand.</p> <p>To find all unique combinations of x, y and z, including those not found in the data, supply each variable as a separate argument. To find only the combinations that occur in the data, use <code>nest: expand(df, nesting(x, y, z))</code>.</p> <p>You can combine the two forms. For example, <code>expand(df, nesting(school_id, student_id), date)</code> would produce a row for every student for each date.</p> <p>For factors, the full set of levels (not just those that appear in the data) are used. For continuous variables, you may need to fill in values that don't appear in the data: to do so use expressions like <code>year = 2010:2020</code> or <code>year = full_seq(year, 1)</code>.</p> <p>Length-zero (empty) elements are automatically dropped.</p>
.direction	Direction in which to fill missing values. Currently either "down" (the default) or "up".

### Details

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

### Examples

```
df <- data.frame(Month = 1:12, Year = c(2000, rep(NA, 11)))
df %>% fill(Year)
```

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full_seq	<i>Create the full sequence of values in a vector.</i>
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### Description

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

### Usage

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

### Arguments

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

### Examples

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

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gather	<i>Gather columns into key-value pairs.</i>
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### Description

Gather takes multiple columns and collapses into key-value pairs, duplicating all other columns as needed. You use `gather()` when you notice that you have columns that are not variables.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>key, value</code>	Names of new key and value columns, as strings or symbols. This argument is passed by expression and supports <a href="#">quasiquote</a> (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with <code>rlang::quo_name()</code> (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).



...	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between x and z with x:z, exclude y with -y. For more options, see the <code>dplyr::select()</code> documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.
na.rm	If TRUE, will remove rows from output where the value column is NA.
convert	If TRUE will automatically run <code>type.convert()</code> on the key column. This is useful if the column names are actually numeric, integer, or logical.
factor_key	If FALSE, the default, the key values will be stored as a character vector. If TRUE, will be stored as a factor, which preserves the original ordering of the columns.

### Rules for selection

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

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

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

If you really need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can unquote them with the tidy eval operator `!!`. This operator evaluates its argument in the context and inlines the result in the surrounding function call. For instance, `c(x, !! x)` selects the `x` column within the data frame and the column referred to by the object `x` defined in the context (which can contain either a column name as string or a column position).

### Examples

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

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

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

```
# repeat iris example using dplyr and the pipe operator
library(dplyr)
mini_iris <-
  iris %>%
  group_by(Species) %>%
  slice(1)
mini_iris %>% gather(key = flower_att, value = measurement, -Species)
```

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 nest

*Nest repeated values in a list-variable.*


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## Description

There are many possible ways one could choose to nest columns inside a data frame. `nest()` creates a list of data frames containing all the nested variables: this seems to be the most useful form in practice.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>...</code>	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between <code>x</code> and <code>z</code> with <code>x:z</code> , exclude <code>y</code> with <code>-y</code> . For more options, see the <a href="#"><code>dplyr::select()</code></a> documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.
<code>.key</code>	The name of the new column, as a string or symbol.  This argument is passed by expression and supports <a href="#">quasiquotation</a> (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with <a href="#"><code>rlang::quo_name()</code></a> (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).

## Rules for selection

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

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

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

If you really need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can unquote them with the tidy eval operator `!!`. This operator evaluates its argument in the context and inlines the result in the surrounding function call. For instance, `c(x, !! x)` selects the `x` column within the data frame and the column referred to by the object `x` defined in the context (which can contain either a column name as string or a column position).

### See Also

[unnest\(\)](#) for the inverse operation.

### Examples

```
library(dplyr)
as_tibble(iris) %>% nest(-Species)
as_tibble(chickwts) %>% nest(weight)

if (require("gapminder")) {
  gapminder %>%
    group_by(country, continent) %>%
    nest()

  gapminder %>%
    nest(-country, -continent)
}
```

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replace\_na

*Replace missing values*

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### Description

Replace missing values

### Usage

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

### Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame or vector.
<code>replace</code>	If <code>data</code> is a data frame, a named list giving the value to replace NA with for each column. If <code>data</code> is a vector, a single value used for replacement.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments for methods. Currently unused.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
df <- tibble(x = c(1, 2, NA), y = c("a", NA, "b"), z = list(1:5, NULL, 10:20))
df %>% replace_na(list(x = 0, y = "unknown"))

# NULL are the list-col equivalent of NAs
df %>% replace_na(list(z = list(5)))

df$x %>% replace_na(0)
df$y %>% replace_na("unknown")
```

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separate

*Separate one column into multiple columns.*


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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>col</code>	Column name or position. This is passed to <code>tidyselect::vars_pull()</code> . This argument is passed by expression and supports <a href="#">quasiquotation</a> (you can unquote column names or column positions).
<code>into</code>	Names of new variables to create as character vector.
<code>sep</code>	Separator between columns. If character, is interpreted as a regular expression. The default value is a regular expression that matches any sequence of non-alphanumeric values. If numeric, interpreted as positions to split at. Positive values start at 1 at the far-left of the string; negative value start at -1 at the far-right of the string. The length of <code>sep</code> should be one less than <code>into</code> .
<code>remove</code>	If TRUE, remove input column from output data frame.
<code>convert</code>	If TRUE, will run <code>type.convert()</code> with <code>as.is = TRUE</code> on new columns. This is useful if the component columns are integer, numeric or logical.
<code>extra</code>	If <code>sep</code> is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are too many pieces. There are three valid options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "warn" (the default): emit a warning and drop extra values.</li> <li>• "drop": drop any extra values without a warning.</li> </ul>

- "merge": only splits at most length(into) times
- fill      If sep is a character vector, this controls what happens when there are not enough pieces. There are three valid options:
- "warn" (the default): emit a warning and fill from the right
  - "right": fill with missing values on the right
  - "left": fill with missing values on the left
- ...      Additional arguments passed on to methods.

**See Also**

[unite\(\)](#), the complement.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
df <- data.frame(x = c(NA, "a.b", "a.d", "b.c"))
df %>% separate(x, c("A", "B"))

# If every row doesn't split into the same number of pieces, use
# the extra and fill arguments to control what happens
df <- data.frame(x = c("a", "a b", "a b c", NA))
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b"))
# The same behaviour but no warnings
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b"), extra = "drop", fill = "right")
# Another option:
df %>% separate(x, c("a", "b"), extra = "merge", fill = "left")

# If only want to split specified number of times use extra = "merge"
df <- data.frame(x = c("x: 123", "y: error: 7"))
df %>% separate(x, c("key", "value"), ": ", extra = "merge")
```

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separate\_rows

*Separate a collapsed column into multiple rows.*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
...	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between x and z with x:z, exclude y with -y. For more options, see the <code>dplyr::select()</code> documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.
sep	Separator delimiting collapsed values.
convert	If TRUE will automatically run <code>type.convert()</code> on the key column. This is useful if the column names are actually numeric, integer, or logical.

**Rules for selection**

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

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

If you really need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can unquote them with the tidy eval operator `!!`. This operator evaluates its argument in the context and inlines the result in the surrounding function call. For instance, `c(x, !! x)` selects the `x` column within the data frame and the column referred to by the object `x` defined in the context (which can contain either a column name as string or a column position).

**Examples**

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

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 smiths

*Some data about the Smith family.*


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**Description**

A small demo dataset describing John and Mary Smith.

**Usage**

```
smiths
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2 rows and 5 columns.

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spread	<i>Spread a key-value pair across multiple columns.</i>
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**Description**

Spread a key-value pair across multiple columns.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

data	A data frame.
key, value	Column names or positions. This is passed to <code>tidyselect::vars_pull()</code> . These arguments are passed by expression and support <a href="#">quasiquotation</a> (you can unquote column names or column positions).
fill	If set, missing values will be replaced with this value. Note that there are two types of missingness in the input: explicit missing values (i.e. NA), and implicit missings, rows that simply aren't present. Both types of missing value will be replaced by fill.
convert	If TRUE, <code>type.convert()</code> with <code>asis = TRUE</code> will be run on each of the new columns. This is useful if the value column was a mix of variables that was coerced to a string. If the class of the value column was factor or date, note that will not be true of the new columns that are produced, which are coerced to character before type conversion.
drop	If FALSE, will keep factor levels that don't appear in the data, filling in missing combinations with fill.
sep	If NULL, the column names will be taken from the values of key variable. If non-NULL, the column names will be given by " <code>&lt;key_name&gt;&lt;sep&gt;&lt;key_value&gt;</code> ".

**Examples**

```

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

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

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

```

table1

*Example tabular representations***Description**

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

**Usage**

table1

table2

table3

table4a

table4b

table5

**Format**

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 6 rows and 4 columns.



**Details**

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

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

**Source**

<http://www.who.int/tb/country/data/download/en/>

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uncount	<i>"Uncount" a data frame</i>
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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame, tibble, or grouped tibble.
<code>weights</code>	A vector of weights. Evaluated in the context of data; supports quasiquotation.
<code>.remove</code>	If TRUE, and <code>weights</code> is a single ‘
<code>.id</code>	Supply a string to create a new variable which gives a unique identifier for each created row.

**Examples**

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

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

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

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unite	<i>Unite multiple columns into one.</i>
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## Description

Convenience function to paste together multiple columns into one.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

data	A data frame.
col	The name of the new column, as a string or symbol. This argument is passed by expression and supports <a href="#">quasiquotation</a> (you can unquote strings and symbols). The name is captured from the expression with <a href="#">rlang::quo_name()</a> (note that this kind of interface where symbols do not represent actual objects is now discouraged in the tidyverse; we support it here for backward compatibility).
...	A selection of columns. If empty, all variables are selected. You can supply bare variable names, select all variables between x and z with <code>x:z</code> , exclude y with <code>-y</code> . For more options, see the <a href="#">dplyr::select()</a> documentation. See also the section on selection rules below.
sep	Separator to use between values.
remove	If TRUE, remove input columns from output data frame.

## Rules for selection

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

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

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

If you really need to refer to contextual objects from a data expression, you can unquote them with the tidy eval operator `!!`. This operator evaluates its argument in the context and inlines the result in the surrounding function call. For instance, `c(x, !! x)` selects the `x` column within the data frame and the column referred to by the object `x` defined in the context (which can contain either a column name as string or a column position).

**See Also**

[separate\(\)](#), the complement.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
unite_(mtcars, "vs_am", c("vs", "am"))

# Separate is the complement of unite
mtcars %>%
  unite(vs_am, vs, am) %>%
  separate(vs_am, c("vs", "am"))
```

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unnest

*Unnest a list column.*


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**Description**

If you have a list-column, this makes each element of the list its own row. `unnest()` can handle list-columns that can atomic vectors, lists, or data frames (but not a mixture of the different types).

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>...</code>	Specification of columns to nest. Use bare variable names or functions of variables. If omitted, defaults to all list-cols.
<code>.drop</code>	Should additional list columns be dropped? By default, <code>unnest</code> will drop them if unnesting the specified columns requires the rows to be duplicated.
<code>.id</code>	Data frame identifier - if supplied, will create a new column with name <code>.id</code> , giving a unique identifier. This is most useful if the list column is named.
<code>.sep</code>	If non-NULL, the names of unnested data frame columns will combine the name of the original list-col with the names from nested data frame, separated by <code>.sep</code> .
<code>.preserve</code>	Optionally, list-columns to preserve in the output. These will be duplicated in the same way as atomic vectors. This has <code>dplyr::select</code> semantics so you can preserve multiple variables with <code>.preserve = c(x, y)</code> or <code>.preserve = starts_with("list")</code> .

**Details**

If you unnest multiple columns, parallel entries must have the same length or number of rows (if a data frame).

**See Also**

`nest()` for the inverse operation.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:3,
  y = c("a", "d,e,f", "g,h")
)
df %>%
  transform(y = strsplit(y, ",")) %>%
  unnest(y)

# Or just
df %>%
  unnest(y = strsplit(y, ","))

# It also works if you have a column that contains other data frames!
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(
    tibble(z = 1),
    tibble(z = 3:4)
  )
)
df %>% unnest(y)

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

# You can also choose to preserve one or more list-cols
df %>% unnest(a, .preserve = b)

# Nest and unnest are inverses
df <- data.frame(x = c(1, 1, 2), y = 3:1)
df %>% nest(y)
df %>% nest(y) %>% unnest()

# If you have a named list-column, you may want to supply .id
df <- tibble(
  x = 1:2,
  y = list(a = 1, b = 3:4)
)
unnest(df, .id = "name")
```

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who

*World Health Organization TB data*

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### Description

A subset of data from the World Health Organization Global Tuberculosis Report, and accompanying global populations.

### Usage

who

population

### Format

A dataset with the variables

**country** Country name

**iso2, iso3** 2 & 3 letter ISO country codes

**year** Year

**new\_sp\_m014 - new\_rel\_f65** Counts of new TB cases recorded by group. Column names encode three variables that describe the group (see details).

### Details

The data uses the original codes given by the World Health Organization. The column names for columns five through 60 are made by combining new\_ to a code for method of diagnosis (rel = relapse, sn = negative pulmonary smear, sp = positive pulmonary smear, ep = extrapulmonary) to a code for gender (f = female, m = male) to a code for age group (014 = 0-14 yrs of age, 1524 = 15-24 years of age, 2534 = 25 to 34 years of age, 3544 = 35 to 44 years of age, 4554 = 45 to 54 years of age, 5564 = 55 to 64 years of age, 65 = 65 years of age or older).

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