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enc-package                      *enc: Portable Tools for 'UTF-8' Character Data*

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/krlmlr/enc>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/krlmlr/enc/issues>

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encoding                      *Encoding information*

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**Description**

The encoding function returns "ASCII" if the entire value consists of ASCII symbols only, and works identically to `Encoding()` otherwise. The `all_utf8` function is an efficient variant of `all(encoding(x) %in% c("ASCII", "UTF-8"))`.

**Usage**

```
encoding(x)
```

```
all_utf8(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A character vector.

**Examples**

```
encoding("a")
encoding("\u00fc")
all_utf8(enc2utf8(c("a", "\u00fc")))

# Platform-dependent:
all_utf8(enc2native(c("a", "\u00fc")))
```

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read_lines_enc	<i>Reads from a text file</i>
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### Description

This function is a drop-in replacement for `readLines()` from disk files. It always returns text in the UTF-8 encoding and never warns on missing EOL on the last line.

`try_read_lines_enc()` is a variant that returns an empty character vector on error, with a warning.

### Usage

```
read_lines_enc(path, file_encoding = "UTF-8", n = -1L, ok = TRUE,  
              skipNul = FALSE)
```

```
try_read_lines_enc(path, file_encoding = "UTF-8", n = -1L, ok = TRUE,  
                  skipNul = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>path</code>	Path to the file
<code>file_encoding</code>	The encoding to assume for the input file.
<code>n</code>	integer. The (maximal) number of lines to read. Negative values indicate that one should read up to the end of input on the connection.
<code>ok</code>	logical. Is it OK to reach the end of the connection before <code>n &gt; 0</code> lines are read? If not, an error will be generated.
<code>skipNul</code>	logical: should nuls be skipped?

### See Also

[readr::read\\_lines\(\)](#) for a faster alternative.

Other file functions: [transform\\_lines\\_enc](#), [write\\_lines\\_enc](#)

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to_encoding	<i>Deep conversion to an encoding</i>
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### Description

Converts all characters directly or indirectly contained in an object to a specific encoding. This works even if the encoding is different in the elements of a character vector.

## Usage

```
to_encoding(x, ...)  
  
to_utf8(x, ...)  
  
to_native(x, ...)  
  
to_latin1(x, ...)  
  
to_alien(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
to_encoding(x, ..., converter)
```

## Arguments

x	A character vector.
...	passed on to methods
converter	A function that accepts a character value as first argument and returns a (possibly classed) character with the desired encoding

## Details

to\_utf8 converts to UTF-8, using the `utf8()` class where possible. Implemented as `to_encoding(x, as_utf8)`

to\_native converts to the native encoding. Implemented as `to_encoding(x, enc2native)` on Windows and as `to_encoding(x, as_utf8)` on Linux and OS X

to\_latin1 converts to the latin-1 encoding

to\_alien converts to the "other" encoding, i.e., UTF-8 on Windows and latin-1 on Linux and OS X.

## See Also

- [rlang::as\\_utf8\\_character\(\)](#) and [iconv\(\)](#) for different ways to convert character vectors to Unicode

## Examples

```
to_utf8(letters)  
to_utf8(iris)  
class(levels(to_utf8(iris)$Species))
```

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transform\_lines\_enc    *Transform a text file*

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### Description

Reads a file from disk, applies a function on the contents, and optionally writes the file back if different. The line ending separator of the input file is used if it can be read and contains at least one, otherwise `native_eol()` is used.

### Usage

```
transform_lines_enc(path, fun, file_encoding = "UTF-8", ok = TRUE,
  skipNul = FALSE, write_back = TRUE, verbose = interactive())
```

### Arguments

path	A vector of file paths.
fun	A function that returns a character vector.
file_encoding	The encoding to assume for the input file.
ok	logical. Is it OK to reach the end of the connection before $n > 0$ lines are read? If not, an error will be generated.
skipNul	logical: should nuls be skipped?
write_back	Should the results of the transformation be written back to the file?
verbose	Should the function show a message with a list of changed files?

### Value

A named logical vector of the same length as path that indicates if a file has changed (TRUE or FALSE), or if an error occurred (NA)

### See Also

Other file functions: [read\\_lines\\_enc](#), [write\\_lines\\_enc](#)

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utf8                            *A simple class for storing UTF-8 strings*

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### Description

The values are stored as a `character()` vector. On construction, the `enc2utf8()` function is called on the input. Subsetting and concatenation operations on an object of this class return an object of this class again. Calls to `Encoding<-()` are not intercepted.

**Usage**

```

utf8(x = character())

is_utf8(x)

as_utf8(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_utf8(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'NULL'
as_utf8(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as_utf8(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'utf8'
as_utf8(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'utf8'
as.character(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'utf8'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE,
  ..., nm = paste(deparse(substitute(x)), width.cutoff = 500L), collapse =
  " ")

## S3 method for class 'utf8'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'utf8'
print(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	A vector
...	Arguments passed on to further methods.
row.names	NULL or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.
optional	logical. If TRUE, setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see <a href="#">make.names</a> ) is optional. Note that all of R's <b>base</b> package <code>as.data.frame()</code> methods use <code>optional</code> only for column names treatment, basically with the meaning of <code>data.frame(*, check.names = !optional)</code> . See also the <code>make.names</code> argument of the <code>matrix</code> method.
nm	Name of column in new data frame

**Examples**

```
utf8(letters)
utf8("ä")
utf8(iconv("ä", to = "latin1"))
```

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write_lines_enc	<i>Writes to a text file</i>
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**Description**

This function is a drop-in replacement for [writeLines\(\)](#) from disk files. It always expects text in the UTF-8 encoding, and by default writes in the UTF-8 encoding with Unix line separators.

**Usage**

```
write_lines_enc(text, path, file_encoding = "UTF-8", sep = "\n")
```

**Arguments**

text	A character vector
path	Path to the file
file_encoding	The encoding for the output file.
sep	character string. A string to be written to the connection after each line of text.

**See Also**

[readr::write\\_lines\(\)](#) for a faster alternative.

Other file functions: [read\\_lines\\_enc](#), [transform\\_lines\\_enc](#)

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