

# Package ‘filenamer’

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as.character.filename *Coerce a character to a filename*

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## Description

This function coerces a filename into a character.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'filename'
as.character(x, tag.char = NULL, simplify = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	a filename object
tag.char	character to delimit tags, defaults to '_'
simplify	if TRUE, all timestamps are omitted
...	unused arguments

## Value

a character vector

## Examples

```
x <- "data_post_2011-01-02.txt"
fn <- as.filename(x)
print(as.character(fn))
```

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as.filename	<i>Coerce to a filename</i>
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**Description**

This function coerces an object into a filename, if possible.

**Usage**

```
as.filename(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'filename'  
as.filename(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
as.filename(x, tag.char = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
...	other arguments
tag.char	character to delimit tags, defaults to '_'

**Value**

a filename object

**Examples**

```
fn <- as.filename("data_raw_2011-01-01.txt")  
str(fn)
```

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filename	<i>Utilities for managing file names.</i>
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**Description**

filename provides a S3 class to represent file names, which is inter-convertible with character.

This function creates a filename object with a file path, tags, extensions, date stamp or date-time stamp.

**Usage**

```
filename(x, path = NULL, tag = NULL, ext = NULL, date = NULL,  
        time = NULL, subdir = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	file name stem
path	path to the file
tag	tags for the file name
ext	file extension
date	date stamp (character or Date)
time	time stamp (character or POSIXct)
subdir	whether to append a date/time stamped subdirectory to path

**Details**

Either construct a filename object with the `filename` constructor or convert an existing file name from character to filename using `as.filename`. Then, manage the tags and extensions of the filename object with `insert`.

The functions `set_fpath`, `set_fext`, `set_fdate`, and `setftime` can be used on both character or filename to modify file names.

Use `tag` to quickly add or replace a tag on a file name (as a character or filename and coerce into a character).

The date and time parameters can be specified as character vectors or date/time objects. If time is given as a POSIXct, it will override date. If these parameters are both NULL, automated date and time stamping may be done and is controlled by `getOption("filenamer.timestamp")`. If this option is NULL, 0, or less, no date or time stamping will be done; if it is 1, only date stamping will be done; if it is 2 or greater, date-time stamping will be done (default). Set date or time to NA to suppress date or time stamping for a particular filename. Stamps are shown in ISO 8601 date format ( ( platforms and are thus omitted; hyphens are omitted from date-time stamps for brevity.

By default, a date stamped subdirectory is appended to the filepath. To disable this behaviour, set `subdir` to FALSE or disable path stamping globally by options(`filenamer.path.timestamp = 0`). This option is similar to `filenamer.timestamp` above.

**Value**

a filename object

**Examples**

```
# file name is date-time stamped and put in subdirectory by default
fn <- filename("data", tag="qc", ext="txt")
print(as.character(fn))

# disable date-time stamping and subdirectory insertion
fn2 <- filename("data", tag="qc", date=NA, time=NA, subdir=FALSE)
print(as.character(fn2))

# creating a new file name from an existing one yields a new time stamp
fn3 <- filename(fn)
print(as.character(fn3))
```

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insert	<i>Insert tag or extension into a file name</i>
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### Description

This function inserts a tag or extension into a file name. It can also replace an element of a file name.

### Usage

```
insert(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'filename'  
insert(x, tag = NULL, tag.pos = NULL, ext = NULL,  
       ext.pos = NULL, replace = FALSE, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
insert(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	file name (character or filename)
...	unused arguments
tag	one or more file name tags to insert
tag.pos	position at which to insert tag (NULL: append at the end or replace tag)
ext	one or more file extension tags to insert
ext.pos	position at which to insert extension (NULL: insert at penultimate position)
replace	if TRUE, tag or extension is replaced (default: replace last tag)

### Details

By default, tags are inserted at the ultimate position and extensions at the penultimate position, if possible. (That is, the final file extension will not change, unless the insertion position is specified otherwise or the original file name had no extension.) If `replace` is TRUE, the tag at the indicated position is replaced by the new tag instead.

### Value

modified object of the original type

**Examples**

```
f <- as.filename("data_expr_2014-05-01.tsv")

# new file name with inserted tags for saving normalized data
g <- insert(f, tag=c("mod", "norm"))
print(as.character(g))

# new file name with inserted extension for saving sorted data
h <- insert(f, ext="sorted")
print(as.character(h))

# new file name with different extension for saving in different format
i <- insert(f, ext="csv", replace=TRUE)
print(as.character(i))

# insert another tag
j <- insert(g, tag="qc", tag.pos=2)
print(as.character(j))
```

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is.filename

*Type checking for filename*

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**Description**

This function returns TRUE if its argument is a filename and FALSE otherwise.

**Usage**

```
is.filename(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    object to check

**Value**

a logical value

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make_path	<i>Create directory structure for a file path</i>
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### Description

This function creates directories recursively (as necessary) to the specified file.

### Usage

```
make_path(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'filename'  
make_path(x, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'character'  
make_path(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	file name (character or filename)
...	other arguments passed to <a href="#">dir.create</a>
showWarnings	whether to show warnings
recursive	whether to recursively create all parent directories

### Examples

```
## Not run:  
# CRAN policy forbids package example to write to current directory,  
# even inside \dontrun because the user may copy-and-paste and  
# polute his/her current directory;  
# in real-world setting, the `tempdir` path prefix is unnecessary  
x <- file.path(tempdir(), "path/to/file.txt")  
  
fn <- as.filename(x)  
make_path(fn)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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set_fdate	<i>Set date stamp in a file name</i>
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### Description

This function sets the date stamp in a file name.

**Usage**

```
set_fdate(x, date)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
date	new date stamp (character or Date)

**Value**

modified object of the original type

**Examples**

```
x <- "data_norm_2011-01-03.txt"  
print(set_fdate(x, "2011-01-05"))
```

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set\_fext

*Set file extension*

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**Description**

This function sets the extension in a file name.

**Usage**

```
set_fext(x, ext, all)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
ext	new file extension
all	replace the entire extension

**Value**

modified object of the original type

**Examples**

```
x <- "data_norm_2011-01-03.txt"  
print(set_fext(x, "csv"))
```



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set_fpath	<i>Set path in a file name</i>
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**Description**

This function sets the path in a file name.

**Usage**

```
set_fpath(x, path)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
path	new path to file

**Value**

modified object of the original type

**Examples**

```
x <- "path/data_norm.txt"
print(set_fpath(x, "new_path"))
```

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setftime	<i>Set time stamp in a file name</i>
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**Description**

This function sets the time stamp in a file name.

**Usage**

```
setftime(x, time)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
time	new time stamp (character or POSIXct)

**Value**

modified object of the original type

## Examples

```
x <- "data_norm_20110103T093015.txt"
# change the time to 30 seconds past 2:45 p.m.
print(setftime(x, "144530"))
# to change the date, time must be specified as well
print(setftime(x, "20110505T101500"))
```

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tag	<i>Insert tag or extension and coerce to character</i>
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## Description

This function inserts a tag or extension into a file name and returns a character vector.

## Usage

```
tag(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	a filename or character
...	arguments passed to <a href="#">insert</a>

## Value

a character vector

## Examples

```
x <- "data.txt"
y <- tag(x, "qc")
print(y)
f <- as.filename(x)
g <- tag(f, "qc")
print(g)
```

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trim_ext	<i>Trim extensions from a file name</i>
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**Description**

This function trims extensions from a file name.

**Usage**

```
trim_ext(x, n)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or a filename
n	number of extensions to trim off the end

**Value**

modified object of the original type

**Examples**

```
x <- "path/data.txt.gz"  
print(trim_ext(x))
```

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