

# Package: dfexpand (via r-universe)

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**Title** Automatically Expand Delimited Column Values into Multiple Binary Columns with 'dfexpand'

**Description** Implements an algorithm to effortlessly split a column in an R data frame filled with multiple values separated by delimiters. This automates the process of creating separate columns for each unique value, transforming them into binary outcomes.

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**Imports** stringr

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| expand_column | <i>Expand a single column containing delimited values into multiple binary columns</i> |
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### Description

Expand a single column containing delimited values into multiple binary columns

### Usage

```
expand_column(  
  dataframe,  
  colname = NULL,  
  delimiter = ";",  
  trim = TRUE,  
  ignore_case = FALSE,  
  colnumber = NULL  
)
```

### Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| dataframe   | The data frame containing the column we want to expand                             |
| colname     | The name of the column to split on.  |
| delimiter   | A single character to split the string on.   |
| ignore_case | Boolean flag if you want the split values to ignore case                           |
| colnumber   | You can provide the column number in the dataframe to expand, rather than the name |
| trim        | Boolean field to trim white space when searching for unique values                 |

### Value

A list of distinct values found in the entry string

### Examples

```
library('dfexpand')  
myDelimiter = ";"  
  
# Create some fake data with duplicates  
rows = c(  
  c("a;b"), c("a;b;c"), c("b;c"), c("d"), c("d")  
)  
  
# Add to a dataframe  
df = data.frame(rows)  
  
colnames(df) <- c("myvar")
```

```
#  
# The default behavior is to trim extra whitespace from the extracted values,  
# but not to alter or change the case of the values. So 'Alpha' is distinct from 'alpha'  
# but ' beta ' is the same as 'beta'. You can override this behavior with  
# the trim and ignore case flags.  
#  
expanded_df = expand_column(df, "myvar", myDelimiter)
```

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getDistinctValues      *dfexpand*

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## Description

Methods to auto-expand a delimited string into a list of unique values

## Usage

```
getDistinctValues(entry, delimiter, trim = TRUE, ignore_case = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| entry       | A string to parse.   |
| delimiter   | A single character to split the string on.   |
| trim        | Boolean flag to signify if the leading and trailing whitespace should be trimmed for each value found. |
| ignore_case | Boolean flag to indicate if the unique values extracted should ignore case differences or not.         |

## Value

list  
A list of distinct values found in the entry string

## Examples

```
values <- getDistinctValues("a;b;c", ';')
```

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