

# Package ‘toolbox’

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argNames	<i>Get the names of the arguments to a function</i>
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### Description

Get the names of the arguments to a function

### Usage

```
argNames(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    A function or string naming a function.

### Value

A vector of the names of the arguments to a function.

### Examples

```
argNames("readLines")
```

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argumentNamedList	<i>Create a named list of length 1 using a name stored in a variable as the name.</i>
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### Description

Create a named list of length 1 using a name stored in a variable as the name.

### Usage

```
argumentNamedList(name, x)
```

### Arguments

name                The name for the item in the list.  
x                    The item to put in the list.

### Value

A named list.

**Examples**

```
argumentNamedList("test_name", 1)
```

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castDateString	<i>Format a date string as " from a SQL database to a format compatible with a HTML date input value.</i>
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**Description**

Format a date string as " from a SQL database to a format compatible with a HTML date input value.

**Usage**

```
castDateString(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A string.

**Value**

A string, formatted YYYY-MM-DD.

**Examples**

```
castDateString(Sys.time())
```

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castLogical	<i>Convert strings to logical.</i>
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**Description**

Convert strings to logical.

**Usage**

```
castLogical(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A string.

**Value**

A string, converted to logical.

**Examples**

```
castLogical("1")
```

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castNumeric	<i>Convert strings to numeric if possible, otherwise remains as is.</i>
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**Description**

Convert strings to numeric if possible, otherwise remains as is.

**Usage**

```
castNumeric(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A string.

**Value**

A string, converted to numeric if possible.

**Examples**

```
castNumeric("100")
```

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combineCols	<i>Combine columns of a list/data frame into a list by row</i>
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**Description**

Combine columns of a list/data frame into a list by row

**Usage**

```
combineCols(x, cols = NULL, by_name = FALSE, parallel = FALSE, cores = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A list or data frame.

cols                An optional vector of column positions or names to combine together. If passing column names, set `by_name` to TRUE. The order of items in `cols` determines the order of the combined result.

by\_name            Boolean, if TRUE, it quotes the items in `cols` to properly index the list by name (`x[[1]]` vs `x[["col_a"]]`).

parallel           Boolean, if TRUE, attempts to use `mclapply`.

cores              An integer, the number of cores to use if `parallel` is TRUE.

**Value**

A list of the values in each column combined together for each row.

**Examples**

```
combineCols(list("x" = c(1, 2, 3), "y" = c("a", "b", "c")))
```

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consolidateList	<i>Group items of a list by name</i>
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**Description**

Group items of a list by name

**Usage**

```
consolidateList(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A named list, likely with names repeating for different positions.

**Value**

A list with items consolidated by name.

**Examples**

```
consolidateList(list("col1" = "Test", "col2" = "Hello", "col1" = "Repeated Name"))
```

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do.call2	<i>Filters the argument list to match the arguments in what and then calls do.call.</i>
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**Description**

Filters the argument list to match the arguments in what and then calls do.call.

**Usage**

```
do.call2(what, args, quote = FALSE, envir = parent.frame())
```

**Arguments**

what	See do.call.
args	Argument list, gets filtered to match arguments of what. See do.call.
quote	See do.call.
envir	See do.call.

**Value**

See do.call.

**See Also**

do.call

**Examples**

```
do.call2(intersect, list(x = c(1, 2, 3), y = c(2)))
```

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doubleQuoteText	<i>Add double quotes to strings.</i>
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**Description**

Add double quotes to strings.

**Usage**

```
doubleQuoteText(
  x,
  char_only = TRUE,
  excluded_chars = c("NULL"),
  null_or_na_as_NULL = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A string.
char_only	TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE, adds quotes only if is.character(x) is TRUE.
excluded_chars	A character vector, will not add quotes if a value is in excluded_chars.
null_or_na_as_NULL	TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE, NULL and NA values are replaced with the string "NULL".

**Value**

A string, with double quotes added.

**Examples**

```
doubleQuoteText("Sample quotes.")
```

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**isNULLorNA***Checks if x is NULL or NA*

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**Description**

Checks if x is NULL or NA

**Usage**

```
isNULLorNA(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A object.

**Value**

TRUE/FALSE.

**Examples**

```
isNULLorNA(NULL)
```

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**jsonStr***Format data as a JSON object (like this: "x": "120").*

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**Description**

Format data as a JSON object (like this: "x": "120").

**Usage**

```
jsonStr(name, val)
```

**Arguments**

name                A string, the name of the JSON entry  
val                 A string, the value to associate with the JSON entry.

**Value**

A string, data formatted as a JSON object.

**Examples**

```
jsonStr(name = "var1", val = "Blue")
```

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listExtract	<i>Extract the values from each entry in a list of vectors at a specific index</i>
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**Description**

Extract the values from each entry in a list of vectors at a specific index

**Usage**

```
listExtract(x, pos)
```

**Arguments**

x	A list, each item of the list should have equal length.
pos	A integer, the position to extract from each entry in the list.

**Value**

A list.

**Examples**

```
listExtract(list(col1 = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5), col2 = c("a", "b", "c", "d", "e")), 3)
```

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namesToString	<i>Pastes the names of a object into a string, optionally quoting the names.</i>
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**Description**

Pastes the names of a object into a string, optionally quoting the names.

**Usage**

```
namesToString(x, collapse = ", ", quote = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A named object (vector, list, data.frame)
collapse	A string to separate the collapsed names.
quote	TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE, adds quotes to the names.

**Value**

A string.



**Examples**

```
namesToString(c("test" = 1, "this" = 2))
```

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pasteCols

*Paste together columns of a list/data frame*

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**Description**

Paste together columns of a list/data frame

**Usage**

```
pasteCols(  
  x,  
  sep = " ",  
  collapse = NULL,  
  use_paste0 = FALSE,  
  cols = NULL,  
  by_name = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A list or data frame.
sep	A character sting to separate the terms.
collapse	An optional character string to separate the results.
use_paste0	Boolean, if TRUE, will call paste0 instead of paste.
cols	An optional vector of column positions or names to paste together. If passing column names, set by_name to TRUE. The order of items in cols determines the order of the paste result.
by_name	Boolean, if TRUE, it quotes the items in cols to properly index the list by name (x[[1]] vs x[["col_a"]]).

**Value**

A string with the values in each column pasted together.

**Examples**

```
pasteCols(list("x" = c(1, 2, 3), "y" = c("a", "b", "c")))
```

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pastePaths	<i>Paste parts of file paths/urls separated with single forward-slashes</i>
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**Description**

Paste parts of file paths/urls separated with single forward-slashes

**Usage**

```
pastePaths(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                   Text strings to combine into a file path

**Value**

A string.

**Examples**

```
pastePaths("/home/", "/files")
```

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quoteText	<i>Add single quotes to strings, useful for converting R strings into SQL formatted strings.</i>
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**Description**

Add single quotes to strings, useful for converting R strings into SQL formatted strings.

**Usage**

```
quoteText(
  x,
  char_only = TRUE,
  excluded_chars = c("NULL"),
  null_or_na_as_NULL = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A string.

char\_only           TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE, adds quotes only if `is.character(x)` is TRUE.

excluded\_chars     A character vector, will not add quotes if a value is in `excluded_chars`.

null\_or\_na\_as\_NULL   TRUE/FALSE, if TRUE, NULL and NA values are replaced with the string "NULL".

**Value**

A string, with single quotes added to match PostgreSQL string formatting.

**Examples**

```
quoteText("Sample quotes.")
```

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sampleStr	<i>Generates (pseudo)random strings of the specified char length</i>
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**Description**

Generates (pseudo)random strings of the specified char length

**Usage**

```
sampleStr(n_char, sample_chars = c(letters, LETTERS, 0:9))
```

**Arguments**

n_char	A integer, the number of chars to include in the output string.
sample_chars	A vector of characters to sample from. Includes the lowercase and uppercase English alphabet and 0-9 by default.

**Value**

A string.

**Examples**

```
sampleStr(10)
```

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