

# Package ‘splutil’

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**Title** Utility Functions for Common Base-R Problems Relating to Lists

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**Description** Utility functions that help with common base-R problems relating to lists. Lists in base-R are very flexible. This package provides functions to quickly and easily characterize types of lists. That is, to identify if all elements in a list are null, data.frames, lists, or fully named lists. Other functionality is provided for the handling of lists, such as the easy splitting of lists into equally sized groups, and the unnesting of data.frames within fully named lists.

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easy_split	<i>Split a vector into a list of vectors</i>
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### Description

Easily split a list into a list of equally sized vectors.

### Usage

```
easy_split(x, size_of_each_group = NULL, number_of_groups = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	The vector to be split
size_of_each_group	If you want to split 'x' into a number of groups, each of 'size_of_each_group' size
number_of_groups	How many equally sized groups do you want?

### Details

You can either specify the length of the list (via 'number\_of\_groups') or the length of the equally sized vectors within each list element (via 'size\_of\_each\_group'). The last element of the list can be shorter than the other elements.

### Value

A list containing equally sized vectors.

### Examples

```
easy_split(letters[1:20], size_of_each_group = 3)
easy_split(letters[1:20], number_of_groups = 3)
```

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`is_all_list_elements_null_or_df`*Are all elements in a list null or data.frames?*

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**Description**

Checks if A) 'x' is a list, B) All elements in 'x' are either null or data.frame.

**Usage**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object

**Value**

Boolean.

**Examples**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(data.frame())
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(list(data.frame()))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(list(1, NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(list(data.frame(), NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_df(list("a"=1, 2))
```

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`is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list`*Are all elements in a list null or fully named lists?*

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**Description**

Checks if A) 'x' is a list, B) All elements in 'x' are either null or fully named lists.

**Usage**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object

**Details**

Fully named lists are lists with each element having a name.

**Value**

Boolean.

**Examples**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(data.frame())
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(list(data.frame()))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(list(1, NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(list(list(), NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(list(list("a" = 1), NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_fully_named_list(list("a"=1, 2))
```

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is\_all\_list\_elements\_null\_or\_list

*Are all elements in a list null or lists?*

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**Description**

Checks if A) 'x' is a list, B) All elements in 'x' are either null or list.

**Usage**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object

**Value**

Boolean.

**Examples**

```
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(data.frame())
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(list(data.frame()))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(list(1, NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(list(list(), NULL))
is_all_list_elements_null_or_list(list("a"=1, 2))
```

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is\_fully\_named\_list    *Is this a fully named list?*

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**Description**

Checks if 'x' is a list with each element named.

**Usage**

```
is_fully_named_list(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object

**Value**

Boolean.

**Examples**

```
is_fully_named_list(list())
is_fully_named_list(list(1))
is_fully_named_list(list("a"=1))
is_fully_named_list(list("a"=1, 2))
```

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unnest\_dfs\_within\_list\_of\_fully\_named\_lists  
*Unnest data.frames within fully named list*

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**Description**

Consider the situation where a function returns a list containing two data.frames. If this function is called repeatedly and the return values are stored in a list, we will have a list of fully named lists (each of which contains a data.frame). Typically, we want to extract the two data.frames from this nested list structure (and rbindlist them).

**Usage**

```
unnest_dfs_within_list_of_fully_named_lists(  
  x,  
  returned_name_when_dfs_are_not_nested = "data",  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A list of fully named lists (which then contain data.frames)  
`returned_name_when_dfs_are_not_nested` When `x` is a single list of data.frames, what name should be returned?  
`...` parameters passed to `data.table::rbindlist`

**Value**

Fully named list, each element containing a data.table.

**Examples**

```
x <- list(
  list(
    "a" = data.frame("v1"=1),
    "b" = data.frame("v2"=3)
  ),
  list(
    "a" = data.frame("v1"=10),
    "b" = data.frame("v2"=30),
    "d" = data.frame("v3"=50)
  ),
  list(
    "a" = NULL
  ),
  NULL
)
print(x)
splutil::unnest_dfs_within_list_of_fully_named_lists(x)

x <- list(
  data.frame("v1"=1),
  data.frame("v3"=50)
)
print(x)
splutil::unnest_dfs_within_list_of_fully_named_lists(
  x,
  returned_name_when_dfs_are_not_nested = "NAME",
  fill = TRUE
)
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