

# Package ‘base64enc’

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**Description** This package provides tools for handling base64 encoding. It is more flexible than the orphaned base64 package.

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base64	<i>Encode/decode data into/from base64 encoding</i>
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## Description

base64encode encodes a data into base64 encoding. The source can be a file, binary connection or a raw vector.

base64decode decodes a base64-encoded string into binary data. The source can be a string or a connection, the output is either a raw vector (output=NULL) or a binary connection.

**Usage**

```
base64encode(what, linewidth, newline)
base64decode(what, output = NULL, file)
```

**Arguments**

<code>what</code>	data to be encoded/decoded. For <code>base64encode</code> it can be a raw vector, text connection or file name. For <code>base64decode</code> it can be a string or a binary connection.
<code>linewidth</code>	if set, the output is split into lines with at most <code>linewidth</code> characters per line. Zero or NA denotes no limit and values 1 .. 3 are silently treated as 4 since that is the shortest valid line.
<code>newline</code>	only applicable if <code>linewidth</code> is set; if set (string), the result will be a single string with all lines joined using the <code>newline</code> string
<code>output</code>	if NULL then the output will be a raw vector with the decoded data, otherwise it must be either a filename (string) or a binary connection.
<code>file</code>	file name (string) for data to use as input instead of <code>what</code> . It is essentially just a shorthand for <code>base64decode(file(name))</code> . Only one of <code>what</code> and <code>file</code> can be specified.

**Value**

`base64encode`: A character vector. If `linewidth > 0` and `newline` is not set then it will consist of as many elements as there are lines. Otherwise it is a single string.

`base64decode`: If `output = NULL` then a raw vector with the decoded content, otherwise the number of bytes written into the connection.

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**Examples**

```
base64encode(1:100)
base64encode(1:100, 70)
base64encode(1:100, 70, "\n")
x <- charToRaw("the decoded content, otherwise the number of bytes")
y <- base64decode(base64encode(x))
stopifnot(identical(x, y))
```

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checkUTF8	<i>Check the validity of a byte stream or be interpreted as UTF8.</i>
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**Description**

checkUTF8 check whether a given raw vector can be used as a valid string encoded in UTF8.

**Usage**

```
checkUTF8(what, quiet = FALSE, charlen = FALSE, min.char = 1L)
```

**Arguments**

what	raw vector with the payload
quiet	logical, if TRUE then the function will not fail but report success/failure via its result, otherwise failures are considered errors.
charlen	logical, if TRUE then the function returns the length of the longest byte sequence representing a character in the file.
min.char	integer, any bytes below this value are considered control chacters and reported as errors. The default value of 1L guards against strings including NULs.

**Value**

If charlen=FALSE: TRUE on success, FALSE if the payload is invalid and quiet=TRUE.

If charlen=TRUE: positive integer corresponding to the longest encoded sequence on success, negative integer on failure.

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dataURI	<i>Create a data URI string</i>
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**Description**

dataURI creates URI with the data: scheme by encoding the payload either using base64 or URI encoding.

**Usage**

```
dataURI(data, mime = "", encoding = "base64", file)
```

**Arguments**

data	raw vector, connection or character vector to use as payload. Character vectors of more than one element are collapsed using "\n" before encoding.
mime	MIME-type of the data (per standard "" is interpreted as "text/plain;charset=US-ASCII" without including it in the URI)
encoding	data encoding to use. Must be either "base64" or NULL
file	filename (string) to open as payload. file and data are mutually exclusive

**Value**

string of the form `data:[mime][;base64],<encoded-payload>`

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**References**

[RFC 2397 The "data" URL scheme](#)

**Examples**

```
dataURI(as.raw(1:10)) # default is base64
dataURI(as.raw(1:10), encoding=NULL) # URI
if (require("png", quietly=TRUE)) {
  # let's say you have an image - e.g. from dev.capture(TRUE)
  img <- matrix(1:16/16, 4)
  dataURI(writePNG(img), "image/png")
  # or straight from a file
  dataURI(file=system.file("img", "Rlogo.png", package="png"), mime="image/png")
}
```

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