

# Package ‘salty’

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**Title** Turn Clean Data into Messy Data

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**Description** Take real or simulated data and salt it with errors commonly found in the wild, such as pseudo-OCR errors, Unicode problems, numeric fields with nonsensical punctuation, bad dates, etc.

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**Value**

An integer vector of indices.

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salt

*Salt vectors with common data problems*

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**Description**

These are easy-to-use wrapper functions that call either [salt\\_insert](#) (for including new characters) or [salt\\_replace](#) (for salting that requires replacement of specific characters) with sane defaults.

**Usage**

```
salt_punctuation(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

```
salt_letters(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

```
salt_whitespace(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

```
salt_digits(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

```
salt_ocr(x, p = 0.2, rep_p = 0.1)
```

```
salt_capitalization(x, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.1)
```

```
salt_decimal_commas(x, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.
p	A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.
n	A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.
rep_p	A number between 0 and 1. Probability that a given match should be replaced in one of the selected values.

**Details**

For a more fine-grained control over how characters are added and whether , see the documentation for [salt\\_insert](#), [salt\\_substitute](#), [salt\\_replace](#), and [salt\\_delete](#).

## Functions

- `salt_punctuation`: Punctuation characters
- `salt_letters`: Upper- and lower-case letters
- `salt_whitespace`: Spaces
- `salt_digits`: 0-9
- `salt_ocr`: Replace some substrings with common OCR problems
- `salt_capitalization`: Flip capitalization of letters
- `salt_decimal_commas`: Flip decimals to commas and vice versa

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salty

*salty: Turn Clean Data Into Messy Data*

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## Description

Insert, delete, replace, and substitute bits of your data with messy values.

## Details

Convenient wrappers such as [salt\\_punctuation](#) are provided for quick access to this package's functionality with simple defaults. For more fine-grained control, use one of the underlying `salt_` functions:

- [salt\\_insert](#) will insert new characters into some of the values of `x`. All the original characters of the original values will be maintained.
- [salt\\_substitute](#) will substitute some characters in some of the values of `x` in place of some of the original characters.
- [salt\\_replace](#) will replace some characters in some of the values of `x`. Unlike [salt\\_substitute](#), [salt\\_replace](#) does conditional replacement dependent on the original values of `x`, such as changing capitalization or simulating OCR errors based on certain character combinations.
- [salt\\_delete](#) will remove some characters in the values of `x`
- [salt\\_na](#) and [salt\\_empty](#) will replace some values of `x` with NA or with empty strings.
- [salt\\_swap](#) replaces entire values of `x` with new strings

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salt_delete	<i>Delete some characters from some values</i>
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**Description**

Delete some characters from some values

**Usage**

```
salt_delete(x, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.
p	A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.
n	A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.

**Value**

A character vector the same length as x

**Examples**

```
x <- c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.",  
      "Nunc finibus tortor a elit eleifend interdum.",  
      "Maecenas aliquam augue sit amet ultricies placerat.")  
  
salt_delete(x, p = 0.5, n = 5)  
  
salt_empty(x, p = 0.5)  
  
salt_na(x, p = 0.5)
```

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salt_insert	<i>Insert new characters into some values in a vector</i>
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**Description**

Inserts a selection of characters into a percentage of values in the supplied vector.

**Usage**

```
salt_insert(x, insertions, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.
insertions	A <a href="#">shaker</a> function, or a character vector.
p	A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.
n	A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.

**Value**

A character vector the same length as x

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salt_na	<i>Remove entire values from a vector</i>
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**Description**

Remove entire values from a vector

**Usage**

```
salt_na(x, p = 0.2)
salt_empty(x, p = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector
p	A number between 0 and 1. Proportion of values to edit.

**Value**

A vector the same length as x

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salt_replace	<i>Replace certain patterns into some values in a vector</i>
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### Description

Inserts a selection of characters into some values of `x`. Pair `salt_replace` with the named vectors in `replacement_shaker`, or supply your own named vector of replacements. The convenience functions `salt_ocr` and `salt_capitalization` are light wrappers around `salt_replace`.

### Usage

```
salt_replace(x, replacements, p = 0.1, rep_p = 0.5)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.
<code>replacements</code>	A <code>replacement_shaker</code> function, or a named character vector of patterns and replacements.
<code>p</code>	A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in <code>x</code> that should be salted.
<code>rep_p</code>	A number between 0 and 1. Probability that a given match should be replaced in one of the selected values.

### Value

A character vector the same length as `x`

### Examples

```
x <- c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.",  
      "Nunc finibus tortor a elit eleifend interdum.",  
      "Maecenas aliquam augue sit amet ultricies placerat.")  
  
salt_replace(x, replacement_shaker$capitalization, p = 0.5, rep_p = 0.2)  
  
salt_ocr(x, p = 1, rep_p = 0.5)
```

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salt\_substitute      *Substitute certain characters in a vector*

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### Description

Substitute certain characters in a vector

### Usage

```
salt_substitute(x, substitutions, p = 0.2, n = 1)
```

### Arguments

**x**                    A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.

**substitutions**      Values to be substituted in

**p**                    A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in x that should be salted.

**n**                    A positive integer. Number of times to add new values from insertions into selected values in x manually supply your own list of characters.

### Value

A character vector the same length as x

### Examples

```
x <- c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.",
      "Nunc finibus tortor a elit eleifend interdum.",
      "Maecenas aliquam augue sit amet ultricies placerat.")

salt_substitute(x, shaker$digits, p = 0.5, n = 5)
```

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salt\_swap              *Randomly swap out entire values in a vector*

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### Description

Because swaps can be provided by either a character vector or a function that returns a character vector, `salt_swap` can be fruitfully used in conjunction with the [charlatan::charlatan](#) package to intersperse real data with simulated data.

### Usage

```
salt_swap(x, swaps, p = 0.2)
```



**Arguments**

`x` A vector. This will always be coerced to character during salting.  
`swaps` Values to be swapped out  
`p` A number between 0 and 1. Percent of values in `x` that should be salted.

**Value**

A character vector the same length as `x`

**Examples**

```
x <- c("Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.",
      "Nunc finibus tortor a elit eleifend interdum.",
      "Maecenas aliquam augue sit amet ultricies placerat.")

new_values <- c("foo", "bar", "baz")

salt_swap(x, swaps = new_values, p = 0.5)
```

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shaker

*Get a set of values to use in salt\_functions*

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**Description**

`shaker` contains various character sets to be added to your data using [salt\\_insert](#) and [salt\\_substitute](#). [replacement\\_shaker](#) is for [salt\\_replace](#), and contains pairlists that replace matched patterns in your data.

**Usage**

```
shaker

replacement_shaker

available_shakers()
```

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 6.

**Value**

A sampling function that will be called by [salt\\_insert](#), [salt\\_substitute](#), or [salt\\_replace](#).

**Examples**

```
salt_insert(letters, shaker$punctuation)
available_shakers()
```

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