

# Package ‘filesstrings’

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**Description** This started out as a package for file and string manipulation. Since then, the 'fs' and 'strex' packages emerged, offering functionality previously given by this package (but it's done better in these new ones). Those packages have hence almost pushed 'filesstrings' into extinction. However, it still has a small number of unique, handy file manipulation functions which can be seen in the vignette. One example is a function to remove spaces from all file names in a directory.

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all\_equal                      *An alternative version of `base::all.equal()`.*

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### Description

This function will return TRUE whenever `base::all.equal()` would return TRUE, however it will also return TRUE in some other cases:

- If a is given and b is not, TRUE will be returned if all of the elements of a are the same.
- If a is a scalar and b is a vector or array, TRUE will be returned if every element in b is equal to a.
- If a is a vector or array and b is a scalar, TRUE will be returned if every element in a is equal to b.

This function ignores names and attributes (except for dim).

When this function does not return TRUE, it returns FALSE (unless it errors). This is unlike `base::all.equal()`.

### Usage

```
all_equal(a, b = NULL)
```

### Arguments

a                      A vector, array or list.  
b                      Either NULL or a vector, array or list of length either 1 or length(a).

### Value

TRUE if "equality of all" is satisfied (as detailed in 'Description' above) and FALSE otherwise.

### Note

- This behaviour is totally different from `base::all.equal()`.
- There's also `dplyr::all_equal()`, which is different again. To avoid confusion, always use the full `filesstrings::all_equal()` and never `library(filesstrings)` followed by just `all_equal()`.

### Examples

```
all_equal(1, rep(1, 3))  
all_equal(2, 1:3)  
all_equal(1:4, 1:4)  
all_equal(1:4, c(1, 2, 3, 3))  
all_equal(rep(1, 10))  
all_equal(c(1, 88))  
all_equal(1:2)  
all_equal(list(1:2))  
all_equal(1:4, matrix(1:4, nrow = 2)) # note that this gives TRUE
```

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| before_last_dot | <i>Get the part of a string before the last period.</i> |
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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_before_last_dot()`.

**Usage**

`before_last_dot(...)`

`str_before_last_dot(...)`

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| can_be_numeric | <i>Check if a string could be considered as numeric.</i> |
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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_can_be_numeric()`.

**Usage**

`can_be_numeric(...)`

`str_can_be_numeric(...)`

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| create_dir | <i>Create directories if they don't already exist</i> |
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**Description**

Given the names of (potential) directories, create the ones that do not already exist.

**Usage**

```
create_dir(...)
```

**Arguments**

...           The names of the directories, specified via relative or absolute paths. Duplicates are ignored.

**Value**

Invisibly, a vector with a TRUE for each time a directory was actually created and a FALSE otherwise. This vector is named with the paths of the directories that were passed to the function.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
create_dir(c("mydir", "yourdir"))  
remove_dir(c("mydir", "yourdir"))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| currency | <i>Get the currencies of numbers within a string.</i> |
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**Description**

See [strex::str\\_extract\\_currencies\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
str_extract_currencies(...)
```

```
extract_currencies(...)
```

```
str_nth_currency(...)
```

```
nth_currency(...)
```

```
str_first_currency(...)
```

```
first_currency(...)
```

```
str_last_currency(...)
```

```
last_currency(...)
```

### Arguments

... Pass-through to strex function.

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|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| extend_char_vec | <i>Pad a character vector with empty strings.</i> |
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### Description

Extend a character vector by appending empty strings at the end.

### Usage

```
extend_char_vec(char_vec, extend_by = NA, length_out = NA)
```

```
str_extend_char_vec(char_vec, extend_by = NA, length_out = NA)
```

### Arguments

char\_vec A character vector. The thing you wish to expand.

extend\_by A non-negative integer. By how much do you wish to extend the vector?

length\_out A positive integer. How long do you want the output vector to be?

### Value

A character vector.

### Examples

```
extend_char_vec(1:5, extend_by = 2)
extend_char_vec(c("a", "b"), length_out = 10)
```

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extract\_non\_numerics    *Extract non-numbers from a string.*

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### Description

Copies of `strex::str_extract_non_numerics()` and friends.

### Usage

```
extract_non_numerics(...)  
str_extract_non_numerics(...)  
nth_non_numeric(...)  
str_nth_non_numeric(...)  
first_non_numeric(...)  
str_first_non_numeric(...)  
last_non_numeric(...)  
str_last_non_numeric(...)
```

### Arguments

...                    Pass-through to `strex` function.

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extract\_numbers        *Extract numbers from a string.*

---

### Description

Copies of `strex::str_extract_numbers()` and friends.

### Usage

```
extract_numbers(...)  
str_extract_numbers(...)  
nth_number(...)  
str_nth_number(...)
```

```

first_number(...)
str_first_number(...)
last_number(...)
str_last_number(...)

```

### Arguments

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| filesstrings | filesstrings: <i>handy file and string manipulation</i> |
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### Description

This started out as a package for file and string manipulation. Since then, the `fs` file manipulation package and the `strex` string manipulation package emerged, offering functionality previously given by this package (but slightly better). Those packages have hence almost pushed 'filesstrings' into extinction. However, it still has a small number of unique, handy file manipulation functions which can be seen in the [vignette](#).. One example is a function to remove spaces from all file names in a directory.

### References

Rory Nolan and Sergi Padilla-Parra (2017). filesstrings: An R package for file and string manipulation. The Journal of Open Source Software, 2(14). doi:[10.21105/joss.00260](https://doi.org/10.21105/joss.00260).

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|-------------|--|
| group_close | <i>Group together close adjacent elements of a vector.</i> |
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### Description

Given a strictly increasing vector (each element is bigger than the last), `group` together stretches of the vector where *adjacent* elements are separated by at most some specified distance. Hence, each element in each group has at least one other element in that group that is *close* to it. See the examples.

### Usage

```
group_close(vec_ascending, max_gap = 1)
```

**Arguments**

vec\_ascending A strictly increasing numeric vector.  
 max\_gap The biggest allowable gap between adjacent elements for them to be considered part of the same *group*.

**Value**

A where each element is one group, as a numeric vector.

**Examples**

```
group_close(1:10, 1)
group_close(1:10, 0.5)
group_close(c(1, 2, 4, 10, 11, 14, 20, 25, 27), 3)
```

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|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| locate_braces | <i>Locate the braces in a string.</i> |
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**Description**

Copy of [strex::str\\_locate\\_braces\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
locate_braces(...)
str_locate_braces(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| match_arg | <i>Argument Matching</i> |
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**Description**

Copy of [strex::match\\_arg\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
match_arg(...)
str_match_arg(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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`move_files`*Move files around.*

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**Description**

Move specified files into specified directories

**Usage**

```
move_files(files, destinations, overwrite = FALSE)
```

```
file.move(files, destinations, overwrite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>files</code>        | A character vector of files to move (relative or absolute paths).               |
| <code>destinations</code> | A character vector of the destination directories into which to move the files. |
| <code>overwrite</code>    | Allow overwriting of files? Default no.   |

**Details**

If there are  $n$  files, there must be either 1 or  $n$  directories. If there is one directory, then all  $n$  files are moved there. If there are  $n$  directories, then each file is put into its respective directory. This function also works to move directories.

If you try to move files to a directory that doesn't exist, the directory is first created and then the files are put inside.

**Value**

Invisibly, a logical vector with a TRUE for each time the operation succeeded and a FALSE for every fail.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dir.create("dir")
files <- c("1litres_1.txt", "1litres_30.txt", "3litres_5.txt")
file.create(files)
file.move(files, "dir")

## End(Not run)
```

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|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| nice_file_nums | <i>Make file numbers comply with alphabetical order</i> |
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## Description

If files are numbered, their numbers may not *comply* with alphabetical order, i.e. "file2.ext" comes after "file10.ext" in alphabetical order. This function renames the files in the specified directory such that they comply with alphabetical order, so here "file2.ext" would be renamed to "file02.ext".

## Usage

```
nice_file_nums(dir = ".", pattern = NA)
```

## Arguments

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| dir     | Path (relative or absolute) to the directory in which to do the renaming (default is current working directory).      |
| pattern | A regular expression. If specified, files to be renamed are restricted to ones matching this pattern (in their name). |

## Details

It works on file names with more than one number in them e.g. "file01part3.ext" (a file with 2 numbers). All the file names that it works on must have the same number of numbers, and the non-number bits must be the same. One can limit the renaming to files matching a certain pattern. This function wraps [nice\\_nums\(\)](#), which does the string operations, but not the renaming. To see examples of how this function works, see the examples in that function's documentation.

## Value

A logical vector with a TRUE for each successful rename (should be all TRUEs) and a FALSE otherwise.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
dir.create("NiceFileNums_test")
setwd("NiceFileNums_test")
files <- c("1litres_1.txt", "1litres_30.txt", "3litres_5.txt")
file.create(files)
nice_file_nums()
nice_file_nums(pattern = "\\\\.txt$")
setwd("../")
dir.remove("NiceFileNums_test")

## End(Not run)
```

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`nth_number_after_mth` *Find the nth number after the mth occurrence of a pattern.*

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### Description

Copy of `strex::str_nth_number_after_mth()`.

### Usage

```
nth_number_after_mth(...)  
str_nth_number_after_mth(...)  
nth_number_after_first(...)  
nth_number_after_last(...)  
first_number_after_mth(...)  
last_number_after_mth(...)  
first_number_after_first(...)  
first_number_after_last(...)  
last_number_after_first(...)  
last_number_after_last(...)  
str_nth_number_after_first(...)  
str_nth_number_after_last(...)  
str_first_number_after_mth(...)  
str_last_number_after_mth(...)  
str_first_number_after_first(...)  
str_first_number_after_last(...)  
str_last_number_after_first(...)  
str_last_number_after_last(...)
```

### Arguments

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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*nth\_number\_before\_mth* Find the *nth* number before the *mth* occurrence of a pattern.

---

### **Description**

Copy of `strex::str_nth_number_before_mth()`.

### **Usage**

`nth_number_before_mth(...)`

`str_nth_number_before_mth(...)`

`nth_number_before_first(...)`

`nth_number_before_last(...)`

`first_number_before_mth(...)`

`last_number_before_mth(...)`

`first_number_before_first(...)`

`first_number_before_last(...)`

`last_number_before_first(...)`

`last_number_before_last(...)`

`str_nth_number_before_first(...)`

`str_nth_number_before_last(...)`

`str_first_number_before_mth(...)`

`str_last_number_before_mth(...)`

`str_first_number_before_first(...)`

`str_first_number_before_last(...)`

`str_last_number_before_first(...)`

`str_last_number_before_last(...)`

### **Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| put_in_pos | <i>Put specified strings in specified positions in an otherwise empty character vector.</i> |
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### Description

Create a character vector with a set of strings at specified positions in that character vector, with the rest of it taken up by empty strings.

### Usage

```
put_in_pos(strings, positions)

str_put_in_pos(strings, positions)
```

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| strings   | A character vector of the strings to put in positions (coerced by <a href="#">as.character</a> if not character already).         |
| positions | The indices of the character vector to be occupied by the elements of strings. Must be the same length as strings or of length 1. |

### Value

A character vector.

### Examples

```
put_in_pos(1:3, c(1, 8, 9))
put_in_pos(c("Apple", "Orange", "County"), c(5, 7, 8))
put_in_pos(1:2, 5)
```

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|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| remove_dir | <i>Remove directories</i> |
|------------|---------------------------|

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### Description

Delete directories and all of their contents.

### Usage

```
remove_dir(...)

dir.remove(...)
```

**Arguments**

... The names of the directories, specified via relative or absolute paths.

**Value**

Invisibly, a logical vector with TRUE for each success and FALSE for failures.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
sapply(c("mydir1", "mydir2"), dir.create)  
remove_dir(c("mydir1", "mydir2"))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

remove\_filename\_spaces

*Remove spaces in file names*

---

**Description**

Remove spaces in file names in a specified directory, replacing them with whatever you want, default nothing.

**Usage**

```
remove_filename_spaces(dir = ".", pattern = "", replacement = "")
```

**Arguments**

**dir** The directory in which to perform the operation.

**pattern** A regular expression. If specified, only files matching this pattern will be treated.

**replacement** What do you want to replace the spaces with? This defaults to nothing, another sensible choice would be an underscore.

**Value**

A logical vector indicating which operation succeeded for each of the files attempted. Using a missing value for a file or path name will always be regarded as a failure.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dir.create("RemoveFileNameSpaces_test")
setwd("RemoveFileNameSpaces_test")
files <- c("1litres 1.txt", "1litres 30.txt", "3litres 5.txt")
file.create(files)
remove_filename_spaces()
list.files()
setwd("../")
dir.remove("RemoveFileNameSpaces_test")

## End(Not run)
```

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|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| rename_with_nums | <i>Replace file names with numbers</i> |
|------------------|--|

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**Description**

Rename the files in the directory, replacing file names with numbers only.

**Usage**

```
rename_with_nums(dir = ".", pattern = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| dir     | The directory in which to rename the files (relative or absolute path). Defaults to current working directory. |
| pattern | A regular expression. If specified, only files with names matching this pattern will be treated.               |

**Value**

A logical vector with a TRUE for each successful renaming and a FALSE otherwise.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
dir.create("RenameWithNums_test")
setwd("RenameWithNums_test")
files <- c("1litres 1.txt", "1litres 30.txt", "3litres 5.txt")
file.create(files)
rename_with_nums()
list.files()
setwd("../")
dir.remove("RenameWithNums_test")

## End(Not run)
```

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|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| str_after_nth | <i>Text after the nth occurrence of pattern.</i> |
|---------------|--|

---

**Description**

Copies of `strex::str_after_nth()` and friends.

**Usage**

`str_after_nth(...)`

`after_nth(...)`

`str_after_first(...)`

`after_first(...)`

`str_after_last(...)`

`after_last(...)`

**Arguments**

...            Pass-through to `strex` function.

---

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| str_before_nth | <i>Text before the nth occurrence of pattern.</i> |
|----------------|---|

---

**Description**

Copies of `strex::str_before_nth()` and friends.

**Usage**

`str_before_nth(...)`

`before_nth(...)`

`str_before_first(...)`

`before_first(...)`

`str_before_last(...)`

`before_last(...)`

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to strex function.

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|          |   |
|----------|---|
| str_elem | <i>Extract a single character from a string, using its index.</i> |
|----------|---|

---

**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_elem()`.

**Usage**

```
str_elem(...)
```

```
elem(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to strex function.

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|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| str_elems | <i>Extract several single elements from a string.</i> |
|-----------|---|

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_elems()`.

**Usage**

```
str_elems(...)
```

```
elems(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to strex function.

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|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| str_give_ext | <i>Ensure a file name has the intended extension.</i> |
|--------------|---|

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_give_ext()`.

**Usage**

```
str_give_ext(...)
```

```
give_ext(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

---

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| str_locate_nth | <i>Get the indices of the <math>n</math>th instance of a pattern.</i> |
|----------------|---|

---

**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_locate_nth()`.

**Usage**

```
str_locate_nth(...)
```

```
locate_nth(...)
```

```
str_locate_first(...)
```

```
locate_first(...)
```

```
str_locate_last(...)
```

```
locate_last(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

---

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| str_nice_nums | <i>Make string numbers comply with alphabetical order.</i> |
|---------------|--|

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_alphord_nums()`.

**Usage**

```
str_nice_nums(...)
```

```
nice_nums(...)
```

```
str_alphord_nums(...)
```

```
alphord_nums(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| str_paste_elems | <i>Extract bits of a string and paste them together.</i> |
|-----------------|--|

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_paste_elems()`.

**Usage**

```
str_paste_elems(...)
```

```
paste_elems(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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`str_remove_quoted`      *Remove the quoted parts of a string.*

---

**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_remove_quoted()`.

**Usage**

`str_remove_quoted(...)`

`remove_quoted(...)`

**Arguments**

...                      Pass-through to `strex` function.

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`str_singleize`              *Remove back-to-back duplicates of a pattern in a string.*

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_singleize()`.

**Usage**

`str_singleize(...)`

`singleize(...)`

**Arguments**

...                      Pass-through to `strex` function.

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str\_split\_by\_nums      *Split a string by its numeric characters.*

---

**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_split_by_numbers()`.

**Usage**

```
str_split_by_nums(...)
```

```
split_by_nums(...)
```

```
split_by_numbers(...)
```

```
str_split_by_numbers(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                      Pass-through to `strex` function.

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str\_split\_camel\_case      *Split a string based on CamelCase*

---

**Description**

See `strex::str_split_camel_case()`.

**Usage**

```
str_split_camel_case(string, lower = FALSE)
```

```
split_camel_case(string, lower = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

string                    A character vector.

lower                    Do you want the output to be all lower case (or as is)?

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|            |   |
|------------|---|
| str_to_vec | <i>Convert a string to a vector of characters</i> |
|------------|---|

---

**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_to_vec()`.

**Usage**

```
str_to_vec(...)
```

```
to_vec(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| str_trim_anything | <i>Trim something other than whitespace.</i> |
|-------------------|--|

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**Description**

Copy of `strex::str_trim_anything()`.

**Usage**

```
str_trim_anything(...)
```

```
trim_anything(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Pass-through to `strex` function.

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`unitize_dirs`*Put files with the same unit measurements into directories*

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### Description

Say you have a number of files with "5min" in their names, number with "10min" in the names, a number with "15min" in their names and so on, and you'd like to put them into directories named "5min", "10min", "15min" and so on. This function does this, but not just for the unit "min", for any unit.

### Usage

```
unitize_dirs(unit, pattern = NULL, dir = ".")
```

### Arguments

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <code>unit</code>    | The unit upon which to base the categorizing.                                |
| <code>pattern</code> | If set, only files with names matching this pattern will be treated.         |
| <code>dir</code>     | In which directory do you want to perform this action (defaults to current)? |

### Details

This function takes the number to be the last number (as defined in `nth_number()`) before the first occurrence of the unit name. There is the option to only treat files matching a certain pattern.

### Value

Invisibly TRUE if the operation is successful, if not there will be an error.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
dir.create("UnitDirs_test")
setwd("UnitDirs_test")
files <- c("1litres_1.txt", "1litres_3.txt", "3litres.txt", "5litres_1.txt")
file.create(files)
unitize_dirs("litres", "\\*.txt")
setwd("..")
dir.remove("UnitDirs_test")

## End(Not run)
```

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