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### Description

Provides high-performance functions for encoding and decoding internationalized domain names according to RFC 3492 (Punycode) and IDNA standards.

### Details

The punycoder package fills a critical gap in R's ecosystem for handling international domain names. It provides reliable, fast conversion between Unicode and ASCII representations of domain names.

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/bart-turczynski/punycoder>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/bart-turczynski/punycoder/issues>

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is_idn	<i>Test if domain contains internationalized characters</i>
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**Description**

Determines whether a domain name contains Unicode characters that would require punycode encoding for ASCII compatibility.

**Usage**

```
is_idn(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Character vector of domain names to test

**Value**

A logical vector the same length as x, where TRUE indicates the element contains non-ASCII Unicode characters.

**See Also**

[is\\_punycode](#) for detecting punycode domains, [puny\\_encode](#) for encoding Unicode domains.

**Examples**

```
is_idn("caf\u00E9.com") # TRUE
is_idn("example.com")  # FALSE
is_idn(c(
  "caf\u00E9.com",
  "\u043C\u043E\u0441\u043A\u0432\u0430.\u0440\u0444",
  "test.com"
)) # c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE)
```

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is_punycode	<i>Test if string is punycode encoded</i>
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**Description**

Determines whether a given string or domain name is already encoded in punycode format (starts with xn- prefix).

**Usage**

```
is_punycode(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` Character vector to test

**Value**

A logical vector the same length as `x`, where TRUE indicates the element contains a punycode-encoded label (xn- prefix).

**See Also**

[is\\_idn](#) for detecting Unicode domains, [puny\\_decode](#) for decoding punycode domains.

**Examples**

```
is_punycode("xn--example") # TRUE
is_punycode("example.com") # FALSE
is_punycode(c("xn--caf-dma.com", "regular.com")) # c(TRUE, FALSE)
```

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parse\_url

*Parse URLs with internationalized domain name handling*

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**Description**

Parses URLs and returns a structured list with proper handling of internationalized domain names. This function provides both Unicode and ASCII representations of domain components.

**Usage**

```
parse_url(url, encode_domains = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`url` Character vector of URLs to parse  
`encode_domains` Logical flag; encode parsed host names to ASCII.

**Value**

An object of class "punycoder\_parsed\_url" (a named list) with components:

**scheme** Character vector of URL schemes (e.g., "https").

**domain** Character vector of domain names.

**port** Integer vector of port numbers.

**path** Character vector of URL paths.

**query** Character vector of query strings.

**fragment** Character vector of fragment identifiers.

Each component has one element per input URL. Invalid URLs yield NA components. For valid URLs without an explicit path, path is returned as "".

### See Also

[url\\_encode](#), [url\\_decode](#) for URL transformation with IDN handling.

### Examples

```
# Parse URL with Unicode domain
parse_url(
  "https://caf\u00E9.example.com:8080/path?query=value#fragment"
)

# Parse multiple URLs
urls <- c(
  "https://caf\u00E9.com/menu",
  "https://\u043C\u043E\u0441\u043A\u0432\u0430.\u0440\u0444\u0444/info"
)
parse_url(urls)
```

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`print.punycoder_parsed_url`

*Print method for punycoder parsed URL results*

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### Description

Print method for punycoder parsed URL results

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'punycoder_parsed_url'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>punycoder_parsed_url</code> object
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns `x`.

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```
print.punycoder_validation
      Print method for punycoder validation results
```

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### Description

Print method for punycoder validation results

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'punycoder_validation'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A punycoder_validation object
...	Additional arguments (ignored)

### Value

Invisibly returns x.

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```
puny_decode      Decode ASCII punycode to Unicode domains
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### Description

Converts ASCII punycode domain names back to their Unicode representation. This is the reverse operation of puny\_encode and is useful for displaying human-readable domain names.

### Usage

```
puny_decode(x, strict = getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE))
```

### Arguments

x	Character vector of ASCII punycode domains to decode
strict	Logical; whether to apply strict validation. Defaults to ‘getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE)’.

### Value

A character vector the same length as x, with each element containing the Unicode-decoded domain name. Elements corresponding to NA inputs are NA\_character\_. In non-strict mode, domains that fail decoding are also returned as NA\_character\_.

**See Also**

[puny\\_encode](#) for the reverse operation, [url\\_decode](#) for full URL decoding.

**Examples**

```
# Basic decoding
puny_decode("xn--caf-dma.com")
puny_decode("xn--80adxhks.xn--p1ai")

# Vectorized decoding
ascii_domains <- c("xn--caf-dma.com", "xn--80adxhks.xn--p1ai")
puny_decode(ascii_domains)
```

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`puny_encode`

*Encode Unicode domains to ASCII punycode*

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**Description**

Converts Unicode domain names to their ASCII punycode representation following RFC 3492 standards. This function is essential for processing internationalized domain names (IDNs) in web scraping and URL analysis.

**Usage**

```
puny_encode(x, strict = getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Character vector of Unicode domain names to encode
<code>strict</code>	Logical; whether to apply strict validation. Defaults to <code>'getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE)'</code> .

**Value**

A character vector the same length as `x`, with each element containing the ASCII punycode-encoded domain name. Elements corresponding to NA inputs are `NA_character_`. In non-strict mode, domains that fail encoding are also returned as `NA_character_`.

**See Also**

[puny\\_decode](#) for the reverse operation, [url\\_encode](#) for full URL encoding.



## Examples

```
# Basic URL decoding
url_decode("https://xn--caf-dma.example.com/path")
url_decode("https://xn--80adxhks.xn--p1ai/page")

# Vectorized URL decoding
ascii_urls <- c(
  "https://xn--caf-dma.com/menu",
  "https://xn--1qqw23a.xn--55qx5d/info"
)
url_decode(ascii_urls)
```

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url\_encode

*Encode URLs with Unicode domains to ASCII*

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## Description

Converts URLs containing Unicode domain names to their ASCII representation while preserving the rest of the URL structure. This function is essential for preparing URLs for systems that require ASCII-only domain names.

## Usage

```
url_encode(url, strict = getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE))
```

## Arguments

url	Character vector of URLs with potential Unicode domains
strict	Logical; whether to apply strict validation. Defaults to 'getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE)'.

## Value

A character vector the same length as url, with each element containing the URL with its host portion ASCII-encoded. Only the domain component is transformed; scheme, path, query, and fragment are preserved. Elements corresponding to NA inputs are NA\_character\_.

## See Also

[url\\_decode](#) for the reverse operation, [puny\\_encode](#) for domain-only encoding, [parse\\_url](#) for URL component extraction.

**Examples**

```
# Basic URL encoding
url_encode("https://caf\u00E9.example.com/path?query=value")
url_encode(
  "https://\u043C\u043E\u0441\u043A\u0432\u0430.\u0440\u0444/page"
)

# Vectorized URL encoding
urls <- c(
  "https://caf\u00E9.com/menu",
  "https://\u5317\u4EAC.\u4E2D\u56FD/info"
)
url_encode(urls)
```

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 validate\_domain

*Comprehensive domain name validation*


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**Description**

Validates domain names according to RFC standards, checking for proper format, length restrictions, and character requirements. Supports both Unicode and ASCII domain names.

**Usage**

```
validate_domain(x, strict = getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Character vector of domain names to validate
<code>strict</code>	Logical; whether to apply strict validation. Defaults to <code>getOption("punycoder.strict", TRUE)</code> .

**Value**

An object of class `"punycoder_validation"` (a named list) with components:

**domains** Character vector of the input domain names.

**valid** Logical vector indicating whether each domain is valid.

**errors** List of character vectors, each containing error messages for the corresponding domain (empty for valid domains).

**See Also**

[puny\\_encode](#) for encoding validated domains.

**Examples**

```
validate_domain("example.com")  
validate_domain("caf\u00E9.example.com")  
long_label <- paste(rep("x", 250), collapse = "")  
validate_domain(c("valid.com", "invalid..com", long_label))
```

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