

# Package: abbreviate (via r-universe)

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**Type** Package

**Title** Readable String Abbreviation

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**Description** Strings are abbreviated to at least ``minlength" characters, such that they remain unique (if they were). The abbreviations should be recognisable. The algorithm does not guarantee that a always a solution is found.

**URL** <https://github.com/sigbertklinke/abbreviate> (development version)

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**LazyData** true

**License** GPL-3

**Encoding** UTF-8

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**Repository** <https://sigbertklinke.r-universe.dev>

**RemoteUrl** <https://github.com/sigbertklinke/abbreviate>

**RemoteRef** HEAD

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### Description

Shorten strings to at least `minlength` characters so that they remain unique (if they were). Duplicate strings or NAs are allowed. Note that different orders in the string may result in different abbreviations. Since the algorithm does not guarantee that unique abbreviations will always be found, a warning is issued if the number of unique abbreviations and unique strings is unequal.

### Usage

```
abbreviate_text(txt, minlength = 3, alnum = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>txt</code>	character: vector of strings to abbreviate
<code>minlength</code>	integer: the minimum length of the abbreviations
<code>alnum</code>	logical: should strings be reduced to alpha-numeric characters before abbreviation (default: TRUE)

### Value

abbreviated strings

### See Also

[base::abbreviate](#) or [package uniqltag](#)

### Examples

```
# unique with first letters is possible
txt <- c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra", "minimum")
abbreviate_text(txt, 3)
# if identical strings used then same abbreviation
txt <- c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "manhattan", "canberra", "minimum")
abbreviate_text(txt, 3)
# NAs are allowed
txt <- c("euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", NA, "canberra", "minimum")
abbreviate_text(txt, 3)
# unique abbreviations
txt <- c("ward.D", "ward.D2", "single", "complete", "average", "mcquitty", "median", "centroid")
abbreviate_text(txt, 3)
# unique abbreviations, but not really intuitive
abbreviate_text(txt, 0)
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