

# Package ‘Dict’

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### Description

A key-value dictionary data structure based on R6 class which is designed to be similar usages with other languages dictionary (e.g. Python) with reference semantics and extendabilities by R6.

### Usage

```
dict(..., .class = "any", .overwrite = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

...	Any length of key and value pairs. If you would like to use a not valid R name as a key, you must wrap it by backquotes or convert it using <a href="#">make.names</a> .
.class	A character scalar of value object's class. It must be an output from <a href="#">class</a> . If "any" (default), value can contain any type of object.
.overwrite	A logical scalar whether to overwrite the value if the key is overlapped.

### Value

A Dict class object.

### Active bindings

items A `tbl_df` of the dictionary items.  
keys A character vector of the dictionary keys.  
values A list of of the dictionary values.  
length A integer scalar of the items length.  
class A character scalar of value class.  
overwrite A logical scalar whether to overwrite value if key is overlapped.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [Dict\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$print\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$add\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$has\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$get\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$remove\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$sort\(\)](#)
- [Dict\\$clear\(\)](#)

- [Dict\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Construct a new Dict object.

*Usage:*

```
Dict$new(..., .class = "any", .overwrite = TRUE)
```

*Arguments:*

... Any length of key and value pairs. If you would like to use a not valid R name as a key, you must wrap it by backquotes or convert it using [make.names](#).

`.class` A character scalar of value object's class. It must be an output from [class](#). If "any" (default), value can contain any type of object.

`.overwrite` A logical scalar whether to overwrite the value if the key is overlapped.

*Returns:* A Dict class object.

*Examples:*

```
ages <- Dict$new(  
  Charlie = 40L,  
  Alice = 30L,  
  Bob = 25L,  
  .class = "integer",  
  .overwrite = TRUE  
)
```

**Method** `print()`: Print Dict items which is a [tbl\\_df-class](#) object by tibble package.

*Usage:*

```
Dict$print(...)
```

*Arguments:*

... Additional arguments passed to `print.tbl`.

*Returns:* Dict object by `invisible(self)`.

*Examples:*

```
ages$print(n = Inf)
```

**Method** `add()`: Add key-value objects to the dictionary.

*Usage:*

```
Dict$add(...)
```

*Arguments:*

... Any length of key and value pairs. If you would like to use a not valid R name as a key, you must wrap it by backquotes or convert it using [make.names](#).

*Returns:* Dict object by `invisible(self)`.

*Examples:*

```
ages$add(John = 18L)  
ages["John"] <- 18L
```

**Method** `has()`: Check if the object contains the key.

*Usage:*

Dict\$has(key = NULL)

*Arguments:*

key A character scalar of the dictionary key.

*Returns:* A logical scalar.

*Examples:*

ages\$has("Bob")

**Method** get(): Retrieves object with a key from the dictionary.

*Usage:*

Dict\$get(key = NULL, default = NULL)

*Arguments:*

key A character scalar, integer scalar of items index or NULL. If key is NULL and items is not empty, the first value is returned.

default A default value returned, if the key is not found. Default is NULL.

*Returns:* A object with the key.

*Examples:*

ages\$get("Bob")

ages["Bob"]

ages[3] # also by integer index

**Method** remove(): Removes a key-value from the dictionary by a key. If the key is a not valid key, this function throw an error. Use self\$has() to check key availability.

*Usage:*

Dict\$remove(key = NULL)

*Arguments:*

key A character scalar of the dictionary key.

*Returns:* Dict object by invisible(self).

*Examples:*

ages\$remove("Bob")

**Method** sort(): Sort dictionary by keys.

*Usage:*

Dict\$sort(desc = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

desc A logical scalar whether to sort in descending order. Default is FALSE.

*Returns:* Dict object by invisible(self).

*Examples:*

ages\$sort()

**Method** clear(): Clear dictionary.

*Usage:*

```
Dict$clear()
```

*Returns:* Dict object by invisible(self).

*Examples:*

```
ages$clear()
```

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
Dict$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

## Examples

```
## -----
## Method `Dict$new`
## -----

ages <- Dict$new(
  Charlie = 40L,
  Alice = 30L,
  Bob = 25L,
  .class = "integer",
  .overwrite = TRUE
)

## -----
## Method `Dict$print`
## -----

ages$print(n = Inf)

## -----
## Method `Dict$add`
## -----

ages$add(John = 18L)
ages["John"] <- 18L

## -----
## Method `Dict$has`
## -----

ages$has("Bob")

## -----
## Method `Dict$get`
## -----

ages$get("Bob")
ages["Bob"]
```

```
ages[3] # also by integer index

## -----
## Method `Dict$remove`
## -----

ages$remove("Bob")

## -----
## Method `Dict$sort`
## -----

ages$sort()

## -----
## Method `Dict$clear`
## -----

ages$clear()
```

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