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Description

Provides a 'tbl_df' class (the 'tibble') that provides stricter checking and better formatting than the traditional data frame.

Details

Stable

The tibble package provides utilities for handling tibbles, where "tibble" is a colloquial term for the S3 tbl_df class. The tbl_df class is a special case of the base data.frame class, developed in response to lessons learned over many years of data analysis with data frames.

Tibble is the central data structure for the set of packages known as the tidyverse, including dplyr, ggplot2, tidyr, and readr.

General resources:

- Website for the tibble package: https://tibble.tidyverse.org
- Tibbles chapter in R for Data Science
Resources on specific topics:

• Create a tibble: `tibble()`, `as_tibble()`, `tribble()`, `enframe()`
• Inspect a tibble: `print.tbl()`, `glimpse()`
• Details on the S3 `tbl_df` class: `tbl_df`

Package options

The following option is used for viewing tabular data with `view()`:

• `tibble.view_max`: Maximum number of rows shown if the input is not a data frame. Default: 1000.

The following options are used by the tibble and pillar packages to format and print `tbl_df` objects. Used by the formatting workhorse `trunc_mat()` and, therefore, indirectly, by `print.tbl()`.

• `tibble.print_max`: Row number threshold: Maximum number of rows printed. Set to `Inf` to always print all rows. Default: 20.
• `tibble.print_min`: Number of rows printed if row number threshold is exceeded. Default: 10.
• `tibble.width`: Output width. Default: `NULL` (use `width` option).
• `tibble.max_extra_cols`: Number of extra columns printed in reduced form. Default: 100.
• `pillar.bold`: Use bold font, e.g. for column headers? This currently defaults to `FALSE`, because many terminal fonts have poor support for bold fonts.
• `pillar.subtle`: Use subtle style, e.g. for row numbers and data types? Default: `TRUE`.
• `pillar.subtle_num`: Use subtle style for insignificant digits? Default: `FALSE`, is also affected by the `pillar.subtle` option.
• `pillar.neg`: Highlight negative numbers? Default: `TRUE`.
• `pillar.sigfig`: The number of significant digits that will be printed and highlighted, default: 3. Set the `pillar.subtle` option to `FALSE` to turn off highlighting of significant digits.
• `pillar.min_title_chars`: The minimum number of characters for the column title, default: 15. Column titles may be truncated up to that width to save horizontal space. Set to `Inf` to turn off truncation of column titles.
• `pillar.min_chars`: The minimum number of characters wide to display character columns, default: 0. Character columns may be truncated up to that width to save horizontal space. Set to `Inf` to turn off truncation of character columns.

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Useful links:

- https://tibble.tidyverse.org/
- https://github.com/tidyverse/tibble
- Report bugs at https://github.com/tidyverse/tibble/issues

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**add_column**

*Add columns to a data frame*

Description

This is a convenient way to add one or more columns to an existing data frame.

Usage

```r
add_column(
  .data,
  ..., 
  .before = NULL,
  .after = NULL,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal")
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` Data frame to append to.
- `...` `<dynamic-dots>` Name-value pairs, passed on to `tibble()`. All values must have the same size of `.data` or size 1.
- `.before, .after` One-based column index or column name where to add the new columns, default: after last column.
- `.name_repair` Treatment of problematic column names:
  - "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
  - "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty,
  - "check_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique,
  - "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic
  - a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., `.name_repair = make.names` for names in the style of base R).
  - A purrr-style anonymous function, see `rlang::as_function()`

This argument is passed on as `repair` to `vctrs::vec_as_names()`. See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.
See Also

Other addition: `add_row()`

Examples

```r
# add_column ---------------------------------
df <- tibble(x = 1:3, y = 3:1)

df %>% add_column(z = -1:1, w = 0)
df %>% add_column(z = -1:1, .before = "y")

# You can't overwrite existing columns
try(df %>% add_column(x = 4:6))

# You can't create new observations
try(df %>% add_column(z = 1:5))
```
Examples

```r
# add_row ---------------------------------
df <- tibble(x = 1:3, y = 3:1)

df %>% add_row(x = 4, y = 0)

# You can specify where to add the new rows
df %>% add_row(x = 4, y = 0, .before = 2)

# You can supply vectors, to add multiple rows (this isn't
# recommended because it's a bit hard to read)
df %>% add_row(x = 4:5, y = 0:-1)

# Use tibble_row() to add one row only
df %>% add_row(tibble_row(x = 4, y = 0))
try(df %>% add_row(tibble_row(x = 4:5, y = 0:-1)))

# Absent variables get missing values
df %>% add_row(x = 4)

# You can't create new variables
try(df %>% add_row(z = 10))
```

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`as_tibble()`

Coerce lists, matrices, and more to data frames

Description

Maturing

`as_tibble()` turns an existing object, such as a data frame or matrix, into a so-called tibble, a data frame with class `tbl_df`. This is in contrast with `tibble()`, which builds a tibble from individual columns. `as_tibble()` is to `tibble()` as `base::as.data.frame()` is to `base::data.frame()`.

`as_tibble()` is an S3 generic, with methods for:

- **data.frame**: Thin wrapper around the list method that implements tibble’s treatment of rownames.
- **matrix, poly, ts, table**
- Default: Other inputs are first coerced with `base::as.data.frame()`.

`as_tibble_row()` converts a vector to a tibble with one row. The input must be a bare vector, e.g. vectors of dates are not supported yet. If the input is a list, all elements must have length one.

`as_tibble_col()` converts a vector to a tibble with one column.
as_tibble

Usage

as_tibble(
  x,
  ..., .rows = NULL,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal"),
  rownames = pkgconfig::get_config("tibble::rownames", NULL)
)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
as_tibble(
  x,
  validate = NULL,
  ..., .rows = NULL,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal"),
  rownames = pkgconfig::get_config("tibble::rownames", NULL)
)

## S3 method for class 'list'
as_tibble(
  x,
  validate = NULL,
  ..., .rows = NULL,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal")
)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
as_tibble(x, ..., validate = NULL, .name_repair = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'table'
as_tibble(x, `_n` = "n", ..., n = `_n`, .name_repair = "check_unique")

## S3 method for class `\"NULL\"`
as_tibble(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as_tibble(x, ...)

as_tibble_row(
  x,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal")
)

as_tibble_col(x, column_name = "value")
Arguments

x
A data frame, list, matrix, or other object that could reasonably be coerced to a tibble.

... Unused, for extensibility.

.rows The number of rows, useful to create a 0-column tibble or just as an additional check.

$name_repair Treatment of problematic column names:

- "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
- "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty,
- "check_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique,
- "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic
- a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., name_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
- A purrr-style anonymous function, see rlang::as_function()

This argument is passed on as repair to vctrs::vec_as_names(). See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

.rownames How to treat existing row names of a data frame or matrix:

- NULL: remove row names. This is the default.
- NA: keep row names.
- A string: the name of a new column. Existing rownames are transferred into this column and the row.names attribute is deleted. Read more in rownames.

$n, validate Soft-deprecated
For compatibility only, do not use for new code.

Name for count column, default: "n".

column_name Name of the column.

Row names

The default behavior is to silently remove row names.

New code should explicitly convert row names to a new column using the rownames argument.

For existing code that relies on the retention of row names, call pkgconfig::set_config("tibble::rownames" = NA) in your script or in your package’s .onLoad() function.

Life cycle

Using as_tibble() for vectors is superseded as of version 3.0.0, prefer the more expressive maturing as_tibble_row() and as_tibble_col() variants for new code.

See Also

tibble() constructs a tibble from individual columns. enframe() converts a named vector to a tibble with a column of names and column of values. Name repair is implemented using vctrs::vec_as_names().
Examples

```r
m <- matrix(rnorm(50), ncol = 5)
colnames(m) <- c("a", "b", "c", "d", "e")
df <- as_tibble(m)

as_tibble_row(c(a = 1, b = 2))
as_tibble_row(list(c = "three", d = list(4:5)))
as_tibble_row(1:3, .name_repair = "unique")

as_tibble_col(1:3)
as_tibble_col(
  list(c = "three", d = list(4:5)),
  column_name = "data"
)
```

enframe

Converting vectors to data frames, and vice versa

Description

Maturing

enframe() converts named atomic vectors or lists to one- or two-column data frames. For a list, the result will be a nested tibble with a column of type list. For unnamed vectors, the natural sequence is used as name column.

deframe() converts two-column data frames to a named vector or list, using the first column as name and the second column as value. If the input has only one column, an unnamed vector is returned.

Usage

```r
enframe(x, name = "name", value = "value")
deframe(x)
```

Arguments

- `x` An atomic vector (for enframe()) or a data frame with one or two columns (for deframe()).
- `name, value` Names of the columns that store the names and values. If `name` is NULL, a one-column tibble is returned; `value` cannot be NULL.

Value

A tibble with two columns (if `name` is not NULL, the default) or one column (otherwise).
Examples

```r
enframe(1:3)
enframe(c(a = 5, b = 7))
enframe(list(one = 1, two = 2:3, three = 4:6))
deframe(enframe(3:1))
deframe(tibble(a = 1:3))
deframe(tibble(a = as.list(1:3)))
```

### Formatting

**Printing tibbles**

**Description**

**Maturing**

One of the main features of the `tbl_df` class is the printing:

- Tibbles only print as many rows and columns as fit on one screen, supplemented by a summary of the remaining rows and columns.
- Tibble reveals the type of each column, which keeps the user informed about whether a variable is, e.g., `<chr>` or `<fct>` (character versus factor).

Printing can be tweaked for a one-off call by calling `print()` explicitly and setting arguments like `n` and `width`. More persistent control is available by setting the options described below.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'tbl_df'
print(x, ..., n = NULL, width = NULL, n_extra = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'tbl_df'
format(x, ..., n = NULL, width = NULL, n_extra = NULL)
trunc_mat(x, n = NULL, width = NULL, n_extra = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: Object to format or print.
- `...`: Other arguments passed on to individual methods.
- `n`: Number of rows to show. If `NULL`, the default, will print all rows if less than option `tibble.print_max`. Otherwise, will print `tibble.print_min` rows.
- `width`: Width of text output to generate. This defaults to `NULL`, which means use `getOption("tibble.width")` or (if also `NULL`) `getOption("width")`; the latter displays only the columns that fit on one screen. You can also set `options(tibble.width = Inf)` to override this default and always print all columns.
- `n_extra`: Number of extra columns to print abbreviated information for, if the width is too small for the entire tibble. If `NULL`, the default, will print information about at most `tibble.max_extra_cols` extra columns.
Package options

The following options are used by the tibble and pillar packages to format and print tbl_df objects. Used by the formatting workhorse `trunc_mat()` and, therefore, indirectly, by `print.tbl()`.

- `tibble.print_max`: Row number threshold: Maximum number of rows printed. Set to `Inf` to always print all rows. Default: 20.
- `tibble.print_min`: Number of rows printed if row number threshold is exceeded. Default: 10.
- `tibble.width`: Output width. Default: `NULL` (use width option).
- `tibble.max_extra_cols`: Number of extra columns printed in reduced form. Default: 100.
- `pillar.bold`: Use bold font, e.g. for column headers? This currently defaults to `FALSE`, because many terminal fonts have poor support for bold fonts.
- `pillar.subtle`: Use subtle style, e.g. for row numbers and data types? Default: `TRUE`.
- `pillar.subtle_num`: Use subtle style for insignificant digits? Default: `FALSE`, is also affected by the `pillar.subtle` option.
- `pillar.sigfig`: The number of significant digits that will be printed and highlighted, default: 3. Set the `pillar.subtle` option to `FALSE` to turn off highlighting of significant digits.
- `pillar.min_title_chars`: The minimum number of characters for the column title, default: 15. Column titles may be truncated up to that width to save horizontal space. Set to `Inf` to turn off truncation of column titles.
- `pillar.min_chars`: The minimum number of characters wide to display character columns, default: 0. Character columns may be truncated up to that width to save horizontal space. Set to `Inf` to turn off truncation of character columns.

Examples

```r
print(as_tibble(mtcars))
print(as_tibble(mtcars), n = 1)
print(as_tibble(mtcars), n = 3)

print(as_tibble(iris), n = 100)

print(mtcars, width = 10)
mtcars2 <- as_tibble(cbind(mtcars, mtcars), .name_repair = "unique")
print(mtcars2, n = 25, n_extra = 3)

trunc_mat(mtcars)

print(nycflights13::flights, n_extra = 2)
print(nycflights13::flights, width = Inf)
```
frame_matrix  
Row-wise matrix creation

Description

Maturing

Create matrices laying out the data in rows, similar to `matrix(...,byrow = TRUE)`, with a nicer-to-read syntax. This is useful for small matrices, e.g. covariance matrices, where readability is important. The syntax is inspired by `tribble()`.

Usage

`frame_matrix(...)`

Arguments

`...`  
<dynamic-dots> Arguments specifying the structure of a `frame_matrix`. Column names should be formulas, and may only appear before the data. These arguments are processed with `rlang::list2()` and support unquote via `!!` and unquote-splice via `!!!`.

Value

A `matrix`.

See Also

See `quasiquotation` for more details on tidy dots semantics, i.e. exactly how the `...` argument is processed.

Examples

```r
frame_matrix(
  ~col1, ~col2,
  1, 3,
  5, 2
)
```
**glimpse**

*Get a glimpse of your data*

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**Description**

**Maturing**

`glimpse()` is like a transposed version of `print()`: columns run down the page, and data runs across. This makes it possible to see every column in a data frame. It’s a little like `str()` applied to a data frame but it tries to show you as much data as possible. (And it always shows the underlying data, even when applied to a remote data source.)

This generic will be moved to `pillar`, and reexported from there as soon as it becomes available.

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**Usage**

`glimpse(x, width = NULL, ...)`

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**Arguments**

- `x` An object to glimpse at.
- `width` Width of output: defaults to the setting of the option `tibble.width` (if finite) or the width of the console.
- `...` Unused, for extensibility.

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**Value**

`x` original `x` is (invisibly) returned, allowing `glimpse()` to be used within a data pipe line.

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**S3 methods**

`glimpse` is an S3 generic with a customised method for `tbls` and `data.frames`, and a default method that calls `str()`.

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**Examples**

```r
  glimpse(mtcars)

  glimpse(nycflights13::flights)
```
is_tibble

Test if the object is a tibble

Description

This function returns TRUE for tibbles or subclasses thereof, and FALSE for all other objects, including regular data frames.

Usage

is_tibble(x)

Arguments

x 
An object

Value

TRUE if the object inherits from the tbl_df class.

lst

Build a list

Description

Questioning

lst() constructs a list, similar to base::list(), but with some of the same features as tibble(). lst() builds components sequentially. When defining a component, you can refer to components created earlier in the call. lst() also generates missing names automatically.

Usage

lst(...)

Arguments

... 
A set of name-value pairs. These arguments are processed with rlang::quos() and support unquote via !! and unquote-splice via !!!. Use := to create columns that start with a dot.

Arguments are evaluated sequentially. You can refer to previously created elements directly or using the .data pronoun. An existing .data pronoun, provided e.g. inside dplyr::mutate(), is not available.

Value

A named list.
Life cycle

The `lst()` function is in the questioning stage. It is essentially `rlang::list2()`, but with a couple features copied from `tibble()`. It's not clear that a function for creating lists belongs in the tibble package. Consider using `rlang::list2()` instead.

Examples

```r
# the value of n can be used immediately in the definition of x
lst(n = 5, x = runif(n))

# missing names are constructed from user’s input
lst(1:3, z = letters[4:6], runif(3))

a <- 1:3
b <- letters[4:6]
lst(a, b)

# pre-formed quoted expressions can be used with lst() and then
# unquoted (with !!) or unquoted and spliced (with !!!)
n1 <- 2
n2 <- 3
n_stuff <- quote(n1 + n2)
x_stuff <- quote(seq_len(n))
lst(!!!list(n = n_stuff, x = x_stuff))
lst(n = !!n_stuff, x = !!x_stuff)
lst(n = 4, x = !!x_stuff)
lst(!!!list(n = 2, x = x_stuff))
```

**new_tibble**

Tibble constructor and validator

Description

**Maturing**

Creates or validates a subclass of a tibble. These function is mostly useful for package authors that implement subclasses of a tibble, like `sf` or `tsibble`.

`new_tibble()` creates a new object as a subclass of `tbl_df`, `tbl` and `data.frame`. This function is optimized for performance, checks are reduced to a minimum.

`validate_tibble()` checks a tibble for internal consistency. Correct behavior can be guaranteed only if this function runs without raising an error.

Usage

```r
new_tibble(x, ..., nrow, class = NULL, subclass = NULL)

validate_tibble(x)
```
Arguments

- **x**: A tibble-like object.
- **...**: Name-value pairs of additional attributes.
- **nrow**: The number of rows, required.
- **class**: Subclasses to assign to the new object, default: none.
- **subclass**: Deprecated, retained for compatibility. Please use the class argument.

Construction

For `new_tibble()`, `x` must be a list. The `...` argument allows adding more attributes to the subclass. An `nrow` argument is required. This should be an integer of length 1, and every element of the list `x` should have `vctrs::vec_size()` equal to this value. (But this is not checked by the constructor). This takes the place of the "row.names" attribute in a data frame. `x` must have names (or be empty), but the names are not checked for correctness.

Validation

`validate_tibble()` checks for "minimal" names and that all columns are vectors, data frames or matrices. It also makes sure that all columns have the same length, and that `vctrs::vec_size()` is consistent with the data.

See Also

tibble() and as_tibble() for ways to construct a tibble with recycling of scalars and automatic name repair.

Examples

```r
# The nrow argument is always required:
new_tibble(list(a = 1:3, b = 4:6), nrow = 3)

# Existing row.names attributes are ignored:
try(new_tibble(iris, nrow = 3))

# The length of all columns must be compatible with the nrow argument:
try(new_tibble(list(a = 1:3, b = 4:6), nrow = 2))
```
**Description**

While a tibble can have row names (e.g., when converting from a regular data frame), they are removed when subsetting with the `[` operator. A warning will be raised when attempting to assign non-NULL row names to a tibble. Generally, it is best to avoid row names, because they are basically a character column with different semantics than every other column.

These functions allow you to detect if a data frame has row names (has_rownames()), remove them (remove_rownames()), or convert them back-and-forth between an explicit column (rownames_to_column() and column_to_rownames()). Also included is rowid_to_column(), which adds a column at the start of the dataframe of ascending sequential row ids starting at 1. Note that this will remove any existing row names.

**Usage**

```r
has_rownames(.data)
remove_rownames(.data)
rownames_to_column(.data, var = "rowname")
rowid_to_column(.data, var = "rowid")
column_to_rownames(.data, var = "rowname")
```

**Arguments**

- `.data`: A data frame.
- `var`: Name of column to use for rownames.

**Value**

column_to_rownames() always returns a data frame. has_rownames() returns a scalar logical. All other functions return an object of the same class as the input.

**Examples**

```r
# Detect row names -----------------------------------------------
has_rownames(mtcars)
has_rownames(iris)

# Remove row names -----------------------------------------------
remove_rownames(mtcars) %>% has_rownames()

# Convert between row names and column ---------------------------
mtcars_tbl <- rownames_to_column(mtcars, var = "car") %>% as_tibble()
mtcars_tbl
column_to_rownames(mtcars_tbl, var = "car") %>% head()

# Adding rowid as a column ---------------------------------------
rowid_to_column(iris) %>% head()
```
Description

Accessing columns, rows, or cells via $, [[, or [] is mostly similar to regular data frames. However, the behavior is different for tibbles and data frames in some cases:

- [] always returns a tibble by default, even if only one column is accessed.
- Partial matching of column names with $ and [[] is not supported, a warning is given and NULL is returned.
- Only scalars (vectors of length one) or vectors with the same length as the number of rows can be used for assignment.
- Rows outside of the tibble’s boundaries cannot be accessed.
- When updating with [[<- and <-, type changes of entire columns are supported, but updating a part of a column requires that the new value is coercible to the existing type. See vec_slice() for the underlying implementation.

Unstable return type and implicit partial matching can lead to surprises and bugs that are hard to catch. If you rely on code that requires the original data frame behavior, coerce to a data frame via as.data.frame().

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'tbl_df'
x$name

## S3 replacement method for class 'tbl_df'
x$name <- value

## S3 method for class 'tbl_df'
x[[i, j, ...], exact = TRUE]]

## S3 replacement method for class 'tbl_df'
x[[i, j, ...]] <- value

## S3 method for class 'tbl_df'
x[i, j, drop = FALSE, ...]

## S3 replacement method for class 'tbl_df'
x[i, j, ...] <- value
```

Arguments

- `x` A tibble.
- `name` A name or a string.
value

A value to store in a row, column, range or cell. Tibbles are stricter than data frames in what is accepted here.

i, j

Row and column indices. If j is omitted, i is used as column index.

... Ignored.

eaxt Ignored, with a warning.

drop Coerce to a vector if fetching one column via tbl[, j]. Default FALSE, ignored when accessing a column via tbl[j].

Details

For better compatibility with older code written for regular data frames, [ supports a drop argument which defaults to FALSE. New code should use [[ to turn a column into a vector.

Examples

df <- data.frame(a = 1:3, bc = 4:6)
tbl <- tibble(a = 1:3, bc = 4:6)

# Subsetting single columns:
df[, "a"]
tbl[, "a"]
tbl[, "a", drop = TRUE]
as.data.frame(tbl)[, "a"]

# Subsetting single rows with the drop argument:
df[1, , drop = TRUE]
tbl[1, , drop = TRUE]
as.list(tbl[1, ])

# Accessing non-existent columns:
df$b
tbl$b
df["b", exact = FALSE]
tbl["b", exact = FALSE]

df$bd <- c("n", "e", "w")
tbl$bd <- c("n", "e", "w")
df$b
tbl$b
df$b <- 7:9
tbl$b <- 7:9
df$b
tbl$b

# Identical behavior:
tbl[1, ]
tbl[1, c("bc", "a")]
tbl[1, c("bc", "a")]
tbl[c("bc", "a")]

The `tbl_df` class is a subclass of `data.frame`, created in order to have different default behaviour. The colloquial term "tibble" refers to a data frame that has the `tbl_df` class. Tibble is the central data structure for the set of packages known as the tidyverse, including `dplyr`, `ggplot2`, `tidyr`, and `readr`.

The general ethos is that tibbles are lazy and surly: they do less and complain more than base `data.frame`s. This forces problems to be tackled earlier and more explicitly, typically leading to code that is more expressive and robust.

Properties of `tbl_df`

Objects of class `tbl_df` have:

- A class attribute of `c("tbl_df","tbl","data.frame")`.
- A base type of "list", where each element of the list has the same `vctrs::vec_size()`.
- A names attribute that is a character vector the same length as the underlying list.
- A row.names attribute, included for compatibility with `data.frame`. This attribute is only consulted to query the number of rows, any row names that might be stored there are ignored by most tibble methods.

Behavior of `tbl_df`

How default behaviour of tibbles differs from that of `data.frame`, during creation and access:

- Column data is not coerced. A character vector is not turned into a factor. List-columns are expressly anticipated and do not require special tricks. Read more in `tibble()`.
- Recycling only happens for a length 1 input. Read more in `vctrs::vec_recycle()`.
- Column names are not munged, although missing names are auto-populated. Empty and duplicated column names are strongly discouraged, but the user must indicate how to resolve. Read more in `vctrs::vec_as_names()`.
- Row names are not added and are strongly discouraged, in favor of storing that info as a column. Read about in `rownames`.
- `df[,j]` returns a tibble; it does not automatically extract the column inside. `df[,j,drop = FALSE]` is the default. Read more in `subsetting`.
- There is no partial matching when `$` is used to index by name. `df$name` for a nonexistent name generates a warning. Read more in `subsetting`.
- Printing and inspection are a very high priority. The goal is to convey as much information as possible, in a concise way, even for large and complex tibbles. Read more in `formatting`.
See Also

tibble(), as_tibble(), tribble(), print.tbl(), glimpse()

tbl_sum

Provide a succinct summary of an object

Description

tbl_sum() gives a brief textual description of a table-like object, which should include the dimensions and the data source in the first element, and additional information in the other elements (such as grouping for dplyr). The default implementation forwards to pillar::obj_sum().

Usage

tbl_sum(x)

Arguments

x

Object to summarise.

Details

This generic will be moved to pillar, and reexported from there as soon as it becomes available.

Value

A named character vector, describing the dimensions in the first element and the data source in the name of the first element.

See Also

pillar::type_sum()
Description

tibble() constructs a data frame. It is used like base::data.frame(), but with a couple notable differences:

• The returned data frame has the class tbl_df, in addition to data.frame. This allows so-called "tibbles" to exhibit some special behaviour, such as enhanced printing. Tibbles are fully described in tbl_df.
• tibble() is much lazier than base::data.frame() in terms of transforming the user’s input. Character vectors are not coerced to factor. List-columns are expressly anticipated and do not require special tricks. Column names are not modified.
• tibble() builds columns sequentially. When defining a column, you can refer to columns created earlier in the call. Only columns of length one are recycled.
• If a column evaluates to a data frame or tibble, it is nested or spliced. See examples.

tibble_row() constructs a data frame that is guaranteed to occupy one row. Vector columns are required to have size one, non-vector columns are wrapped in a list.

Usage

tibble(
  ..., 
  .rows = NULL,
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal")
)
tibble_row(
  ..., 
  .name_repair = c("check_unique", "unique", "universal", "minimal")
)

Arguments

...  <dynamic-dots> A set of name-value pairs. These arguments are processed with rlang::quos() and support unquote via !! and unquote-splice via !!!.
Use := to create columns that start with a dot. Arguments are evaluated sequentially. You can refer to previously created elements directly or using the .data pronoun. An existing .data pronoun, provided e.g. inside dplyr::mutate(), is not available.

.rows  The number of rows, useful to create a 0-column tibble or just as an additional check.

.name_repair  Treatment of problematic column names:
  • "minimal": No name repair or checks, beyond basic existence,
  • "unique": Make sure names are unique and not empty,
  • "check_unique": (default value), no name repair, but check they are unique,
  • "universal": Make the names unique and syntactic
  • a function: apply custom name repair (e.g., .name_repair = make.names for names in the style of base R).
• A purrr-style anonymous function, see \texttt{rlang::as\_function()}

This argument is passed on as repair to \texttt{vctrs::vec\_as\_names()}. See there for more details on these terms and the strategies used to enforce them.

**Value**

A tibble, which is a colloquial term for an object of class \texttt{tbl\_df}. A \texttt{tbl\_df} object is also a data frame, i.e. it has class \texttt{data\_frame}.

**See Also**

Use \texttt{as\_tibble()} to turn an existing object into a tibble. Use \texttt{enframe()} to convert a named vector into a tibble. Name repair is detailed in \texttt{vctrs::vec\_as\_names()}. See quasiquotation for more details on tidy dots semantics, i.e. exactly how the \texttt{...} argument is processed.

**Examples**

# Unnamed arguments are named with their expression:
a <- 1:5
tibble(a, a * 2)

# Scalars (vectors of length one) are recycled:
tibble(a, b = a * 2, c = 1)

# Columns are available in subsequent expressions:
tibble(x = runif(10), y = x * 2)

# \texttt{tibble()} never coerces its inputs,
\texttt{str(tibble(letters))}
\texttt{str(tibble(x = list(diag(1), diag(2))))}

# or munges column names (unless requested),
tibble("a + b" = 1:5)

# but it forces you to take charge of names, if they need repair:
\texttt{try(tibble(x = 1, x = 2))}
tibble(x = 1, x = 2, .name\_repair = "unique")
tibble(x = 1, x = 2, .name\_repair = "minimal")

## By default, non-syntactic names are allowed,
df <- tibble(`a 1` = 1, `a 2` = 2)
## because you can still index by name:
df["a 1"]
df$`a 1`
with(df, `a 1`)

## Syntactic names are easier to work with, though, and you can request them:
df <- tibble(`a 1" = 1, `a 2" = 2, .name\_repair = "universal")
df$a.1

## You can specify your own name repair function:
tibble(x = 1, x = 2, .name\_repair = make\_unique)
fix_names <- function(x) gsub("\\s+", ",", x)
tibble('year 1' = 1, 'year 2' = 2, .name_repair = fix_names)

## purrr-style anonymous functions and constants
## are also supported
tibble(x = 1, x = 2, .name_repair = ~ make.names(., unique = TRUE))
tibble(x = 1, x = 2, .name_repair = ~ c("a", "b"))

# Tibbles can contain columns that are Tibbles or matrices
# if the number of rows is compatible. Unnamed Tibbles are
# spliced, i.e. the inner columns are inserted into the
# tibble under construction.
tibble(
a = 1:3,
tibble(
  b = 4:6,
  c = 7:9
),
d = tibble(
e = tibble(
  f = b
)
)
)
tibble(
a = 1:4,
b = diag(4),
c = cov(iris[1:4])
)

# data can not contain POSIXlt columns, or Tibbles or matrices
# with incompatible number of rows:
try(tibble(y = strptime("2000/01/01", "%x")))
try(tibble(a = 1:3, b = tibble(c = 4:7)))

# Use := to create columns with names that start with a dot:
tibble(.dotted = 3)
tibble(.dotted := 3)

# You can unquote an expression:
x <- 3
tibble(x = 1, y = x)
tibble(x = 1, y = !!x)

# You can splice-unquote a list of quosures and expressions:
tibble(!!! list(x = rlang::quo(1:10), y = quote(x * 2)))

# Use tibble_row() to construct a one-row tibble:
tibble_row(a = 1, lm = lm(Petal.Width ~ Petal.Length + Species, data = iris))
tribble  Row-wise tibble creation

Description

Maturing

Create tibbles using an easier to read row-by-row layout. This is useful for small tables of data where readability is important. Please see tibble-package for a general introduction.

Usage

tribble(…)

Arguments

... <dynamic-dots> Arguments specifying the structure of a tibble. Variable names should be formulas, and may only appear before the data. These arguments are processed with rlang::list2() and support unquote via !! and unquote-splice via !!!.

Value

A tibble.

See Also

See quasiquotation for more details on tidy dots semantics, i.e. exactly how the ... argument is processed.

Examples

tribble(
    ~colA, ~colB,
    "a", 1,
    "b", 2,
    "c", 3 )

# tribble will create a list column if the value in any cell is # not a scalar
tribble(
    ~x, ~y,
    "a", 1:3,
    "b", 4:6 )
Description

Experimental

Calls `utils::View()` on the input and returns it, invisibly. If the input is not a data frame, it is processed using a variant of `as.data.frame(head(x, n))`. A message is printed if the number of rows exceeds `n`. This function has no effect in noninteractive sessions.

Usage

```r
view(x, title = NULL, ..., n = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `x`: The object to display.
- `title`: The title to use for the display, by default the deparsed expression is used.
- `...`: Unused, must be empty.
- `n`: Maximum number of rows to display. Only used if `x` is not a data frame.

Details

The RStudio IDE overrides `utils::View()`, this is picked up correctly.
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