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# **tri.struct Documentation**

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tri.struct supplies classes that can be used like dictionaries and as objects with attribute access at the same time. There are two versions:

- Struct: mutable struct
- FrozenStruct: immutable struct

Some niceties include:

- Predictable repr() so it's easy to write tests
- *merged* function call to merge different types of dicts into a new: *merged(Struct(a=1), FrozenStruct(b=1), c=1) == Struct(a=1, b=1, c=1)*
- Accelerated implementation in c for improved speed. (With python-only fallback reference implementation)



# CHAPTER 1

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## Example

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```
>>> from tri_struct import Struct
>>> foo = Struct()
>>> foo.a = 1
>>> foo['a']
1
>>> foo['a'] = 2
>>> foo.a
2
```



# CHAPTER 2

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## Running tests

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You need tox installed then just *make test*.



## CHAPTER 3

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### License

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BSD



# CHAPTER 4

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## Documentation

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<http://tristuct.readthedocs.org>.



# CHAPTER 5

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## 5.1 Installation

At the command line:

```
$ pip install tri.struct
```

Or, if you have virtualenvwrapper installed:

```
$ mkvirtualenv tri.struct
$ pip install tri.struct
```

## 5.2 API documentation

```
class tri_struct.Struct
```

Struct is a dict that can be accessed like an object. It also has a predictable repr so it can be used in tests for example.

```
>>> bs = Struct(a=1, b=2, c=3)
>>> bs
Struct(a=1, b=2, c=3)
>>> bs.a
1
```

- Struct(\*\*kwargs) -> new Struct initialized with the name=value pairs in the keyword arguments list. For example: Struct(one=1, two=2)
- Struct() -> new empty Struct
- Struct(mapping) -> new Struct initialized from a mapping object's (key, value) pairs
- **Struct(iterable) -> new Struct initialized as if via:**

```
s = Struct()
for k, v in iterable:
    s[k] = v

__delattr__(item)
    x.__delattr__('name') <==> del x.name

__getattribute__(item)
    x.__getattribute__('name') <==> x.name

__repr__()
    x.__repr__() <==> repr(x)

__setattr__(key, value)
    x.__setattr__('name', value) <==> x.name = value

__str__()
    x.__str__() <==> repr(x)

copy() → a shallow copy of D

class tri_struct.FrozenStruct

tri_struct.merged(*dicts, **kwargs)
    Merge dictionaries. Later keys overwrite.

merged(dict(a=1), dict(b=2), c=3, d=1)

class tri_struct.DefaultStruct(default_factory=None, *args, **kwargs)

__init__(default_factory=None, *args, **kwargs)
    x.__init__(...) initializes x; see help(type(x)) for signature
```

## 5.3 History

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- Split c implementation to separate *FastStruct*. The native python implementation is now always the *Struct*

### 5.3.1 3.1.0 (2019-08-14)

- Override `__copy__` for Frozen. This is an optimization that was found in big uses of `tri.token`.

### 5.3.2 3.0.1 (2019-06-12)

- Problems with pypi, this is the same as 3.0.1

### 5.3.3 3.0.0 (2019-06-04)

- Renamed module from `tri.struct` to `tri_struct`. This is a breaking change.
- Dropped python2 support

### 5.3.4 2.5.7 (2018-11-16)

- Fixed performance issue with *Frozen/FrozenStruct*: the hash was recalculated on each use instead of cached.

### 5.3.5 2.5.6 (2018-06-26)

- Fixed release functionality

### 5.3.6 2.5.5 (2018-02-20)

- Fixed segfault in repr when running under Python 3

### 5.3.7 2.5.4 (2017-06-13)

- Added *DefaultStruct* in the spirit of the standard library *defaultdict*. Also added a *to\_default\_struct* for recursively converting dicts recursively.

### 5.3.8 2.5.3 (2017-02-10)

- Fix use-after-free when repring a *Struct* that contains itself more than once.

### 5.3.9 2.5.2 (2016-04-07)

- Fix make and tox targets for build and release.
- Fix lint issues.

### 5.3.10 2.5.1 (2015-12-15)

- Bugfix: Fix compilation of the *\_cstruct* module.

### 5.3.11 2.5.0 (unreleased)

- Build changes.

### 5.3.12 2.4.0 (2015-12-08)

- Improvement: If a Struct subclass implements the *\_\_missing\_\_* method, it will not be called before GetAttr on attribute access, but will be called before GetAttr on dict access.

### 5.3.13 2.3.1 (2015-12-07)

- Bugfix: Clear KeyError in CStruct getattr before trying GetAttr, otherwise the KeyError may “leak out”. Also, only clear the error and attempt GetAttr if the original error was a KeyError.

### 5.3.14 2.3.0 (2015-12-02)

- Add mixin class *Frozen* to make read-only versions of a dict-derived class (typically a Struct or a subclass thereof.)
- Use the *Frozen* mixin to implement *FrozenStruct*

### 5.3.15 2.2.0 (2015-11-12)

- Add keyword arguments to *merged* function.

### 5.3.16 2.1.2 (2015-11-11)

- Redo the C implementation to be a “heaptyle”, and remove the hack of setting `__dict__ = self`. Instead, `object` will control the type storage, letting us “insert” attributes into the object without polluting the `dict`.

### 5.3.17 2.0 (unreleased)

- slim down interface to again match dict
- add `tri.struct.merged` function to join structs
- add optional C implementation to speed up instantiation

### 5.3.18 1.0 (2015-09-29)

- Struct with attribute & dict interface
- `__add__` and `__or__` to combine structs

## 5.4 Credits

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## 5.5 Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given. Issues, feature requests, etc are handled on github.

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