

# Package ‘keyholder’

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keyholder-package      *keyholder: Store Data About Rows*

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**Description**

keyholder offers a set of tools for storing information about rows of data frame like objects. The common use cases are:

- Track rows of data frame without changing it.
- Store columns for future restoring in data frame.
- Hide columns for convenient use of `dplyr`'s `*_if` scoped variants of verbs.

**Details**

To learn more about keyholder:

- Browse vignettes with `browseVignettes(package = "keyholder")`.
- Look how to [set keys](#).
- Look at the list of [supported functions](#).

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://echasnovski.github.io/keyholder/>
- <https://github.com/echasnovski/keyholder/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/echasnovski/keyholder/issues/>

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key-by-scoped	<i>Key by selection of variables</i>
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## Description

These functions perform keying by selection of variables using corresponding [scoped variant](#) of [select](#). Appropriate data frame is selected with scoped function first, and then it is assigned as keys.

## Usage

```
key_by_all(.tbl, .funs = list(), ..., .add = FALSE, .exclude = FALSE)

key_by_if(.tbl, .predicate, .funs = list(), ..., .add = FALSE,
          .exclude = FALSE)

key_by_at(.tbl, .vars, .funs = list(), ..., .add = FALSE,
          .exclude = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

.tbl	Reference data frame .
.funs	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
...	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
.add	Whether to add keys to (possibly) existing ones. If FALSE keys will be overridden.
.exclude	Whether to exclude key variables from .tbl.
.predicate	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
.vars	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.

## See Also

[Not scoped key\\_by\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
mtcars %>% key_by_all(.funs = toupper)

mtcars %>% key_by_if(rlang::is_integerish, toupper)

mtcars %>% key_by_at(c("vs", "am"), toupper)
```

keyed-df

*Keyed object*

## Description

Utility functions for keyed objects which are implemented with class `keyed_df`. Keyed object should be a data frame which inherits from `keyed_df` and contains a data frame of `keys` in attribute 'keys'.

## Usage

```
is_keyed_df(.tbl)

is.keyed_df(.tbl)

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

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
x[i, j, ...]
```

## Arguments

<code>.tbl</code>	Object to check.
<code>x</code>	Object to print or extract elements.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments passed to or from other methods.
<code>i, j</code>	Arguments for <code>[</code> .

## Examples

```
is_keyed_df(mtcars)

mtcars %>% key_by(vs) %>% is_keyed_df

# Not valid keyed_df
df <- mtcars
class(df) <- c("keyed_df", "data.frame")
is_keyed_df(df)
```

## Description

Defined methods for `dplyr` generic single table functions. Most of them preserve 'keyed\_df' class and 'keys' attribute (excluding `summarise` with scoped variants, `distinct` and `do` which remove them). Also these methods modify rows in keys according to the rows modification in reference data frame (if any).

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
select(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
rename(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
mutate(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
transmute(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
summarise(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
group_by(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
ungroup(x, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
rowwise(data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
distinct(.data, ..., .keep_all = FALSE)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
do(.data, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
arrange(.data, ..., .by_group = FALSE)  
  
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'  
filter(.data, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
slice(.data, ...)
```

## Arguments

- .data, data, x A keyed object.
- ... Appropriate arguments for functions.
- .keep\_all Parameter for `dplyr::distinct`.
- .by\_group Parameter for `dplyr::arrange`.

## Details

`dplyr::transmute()` is supported implicitly with `dplyr::mutate()` support.

`dplyr::rowwise()` is not supposed to be generic in `dplyr`. Use `rowwise.keyed_df` directly.

All `scoped` variants of present functions are also supported.

## See Also

[Two-table verbs](#)

## Examples

```
mtcars %>% key_by(vs, am) %>% dplyr::mutate(gear = 1)
```

keyed-df-two-tbl

*Two-table verbs from dplyr for keyed\_df*

## Description

Defined methods for `dplyr` generic `join` functions. All of them preserve 'keyed\_df' class and 'keys' attribute **of the first argument**. Also these methods modify rows in keys according to the rows modification in first argument (if any).

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
inner_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE,
           suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
left_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE,
           suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
```

```

right_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE,
           suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
full_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE,
           suffix = c(".x", ".y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
semi_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'keyed_df'
anti_join(x, y, by = NULL, copy = FALSE, ...)

```

**Arguments**

`x, y, by, copy, suffix, ...`  
 Parameters for [join](#) functions.

**See Also**

[One-table verbs](#)

**Examples**

```

dplyr::band_members %>% key_by(band) %>%
  dplyr::semi_join(dplyr::band_instruments, by = "name") %>%
  keys()

```

keyholder-id	<i>Add id column and key</i>
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**Description**

Functions for creating id column and key.

**Usage**

```

use_id(.tbl)

compute_id_name(x)

add_id(.tbl)

key_by_id(.tbl, .add = FALSE, .exclude = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

- .tbl Reference data frame.
- x Character vector of names.
- .add, .exclude Parameters for [key\\_by\(\)](#).

## Details

`use_id()` [assigns](#) as keys a tibble with column '.id' and row numbers of `.tbl` as values.

`compute_id_name()` computes the name which is different from every element in `x` by the following algorithm: if '.id' is not present in `x` it is returned; if taken - '.id1' is checked; if taken - '.id11' is checked and so on.

`add_id()` creates a column with unique name (computed with `compute_id_name()`) and row numbers as values (grouping is ignored). After that puts it as first column.

`key_by_id()` is similar to `add_id()`: it creates a column with unique name and row numbers as values (grouping is ignored) and calls [key\\_by\(\)](#) function to use this column as key. If `.add` is `FALSE` unique name is computed based on `.tbl` column names; if `TRUE` then based on `.tbl` and its keys column names.

## Examples

```
mtcars %>% use_id()

mtcars %>% add_id()

mtcars %>% key_by_id(.exclude = TRUE)
```

keyholder-scoped      *Operate on a selection of keys*

## Description

`keyholder` offers [scoped](#) variants of the following functions:

- `key_by()`. See [key\\_by\\_all\(\)](#).
- `remove_keys()`. See [remove\\_keys\\_all\(\)](#).
- `restore_keys()`. See [restore\\_keys\\_all\(\)](#).
- `rename_keys()`. See [rename\\_keys\\_all\(\)](#).

## Arguments

- .funs Parameter for [scoped](#) functions.
- .vars Parameter for [scoped](#) functions.
- .predicate Parameter for [scoped](#) functions.
- ... Parameter for [scoped](#) functions.

**See Also**[Not scoped manipulation functions](#)[Not scoped key\\_by\(\)](#)

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**keyholder-supported-funs***Supported functions*

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**Description**

keyholder supports the following functions:

- Base subsetting with `[`.
- dplyr one table verbs.
- dplyr two table verbs.

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**keys-get***Get keys*

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**Description**

Functions for getting information about keys.

**Usage**

```
keys(.tbl)
```

```
raw_keys(.tbl)
```

```
has_keys(.tbl)
```

**Arguments**

.tbl              Reference data frame.

**Value**

`keys()` always returns a [tibble](#) of keys. In case of no keys it returns a tibble with number of rows as in `.tbl` and zero columns. `raw_keys()` is just a wrapper for `attr(.tbl, "keys")`. To know whether `.tbl` has keys use `has_keys()`.

**See Also**[Set keys, Manipulate keys](#)

## Examples

```
keys(mtcars)

raw_keys(mtcars)

has_keys(mtcars)

df <- key_by(mtcars, vs, am)
keys(df)

has_keys(df)
```

**keys-manipulate**      *Manipulate keys*

## Description

Functions to manipulate [keys](#).

## Usage

```
remove_keys(.tbl, ..., .unkey = FALSE)

restore_keys(.tbl, ..., .remove = FALSE, .unkey = FALSE)

pull_key(.tbl, var)

rename_keys(.tbl, ...)
```

## Arguments

.tbl	Reference data frame.
...	Variables to be used for operations defined in similar fashion as in <a href="#">dplyr::select()</a> .
.unkey	Whether to <a href="#">unkey()</a> .tbl in case there are no keys left.
.remove	Whether to remove keys after restoring.
var	Parameter for <a href="#">dplyr::pull()</a> .

## Details

`remove_keys()` removes keys defined with ....

`restore_keys()` transfers keys defined with ... into .tbl and removes them from keys if .remove == TRUE. If .tbl is grouped the following happens:

- If restored keys don't contain grouping variables then groups don't change;

- If restored keys contain grouping variables then result will be regrouped based on restored values. In other words restoring keys beats 'not-modifying' grouping variables rule. It is made according to the ideology of keys: they contain information about rows and by restoring you want it to be available.

`pull_key()` extracts one specified column from keys with [dplyr::pull\(\)](#).

`rename_keys()` renames columns in keys using [dplyr::rename\(\)](#).

## See Also

[Get keys, Set keys](#)

[Scoped functions](#)

## Examples

```
df <- mtcars %>% dplyr::as_tibble() %>%
  key_by(vs, am, .exclude = TRUE)
df %>% remove_keys(vs)

df %>% remove_keys(dplyr::everything())

df %>% remove_keys(dplyr::everything(), .unkey = TRUE)

df %>% restore_keys(vs)

df %>% restore_keys(vs, .remove = TRUE)

df %>% restore_keys(dplyr::everything(), .remove = TRUE)

df %>% restore_keys(dplyr::everything(), .remove = TRUE, .unkey = TRUE)

# Restoring on grouped data frame
df_grouped <- df %>% dplyr::mutate(vs = 1) %>% dplyr::group_by(vs)
df_grouped %>% restore_keys(dplyr::everything())

# Pulling
df %>% pull_key(vs)

# Renaming
df %>% rename_keys(Vs = vs)
```

## Description

Key is a vector which goal is to provide information about rows in reference data frame. Its length should always be equal to number of rows in data frame. Keys are stored as `tibble` in attribute "keys" and so one data frame can have multiple keys. Data frame with keys is implemented as class `keyed_df`.

## Usage

```
keys(.tbl) <- value

assign_keys(.tbl, value)

key_by(.tbl, ..., .add = FALSE, .exclude = FALSE)

unkey(.tbl)
```

## Arguments

<code>.tbl</code>	Reference data frame .
<code>value</code>	Values of keys (converted to <code>tibble</code> ).
<code>...</code>	Variables to be used as keys defined in similar fashion as in <code>dplyr::select()</code> .
<code>.add</code>	Whether to add keys to (possibly) existing ones. If FALSE keys will be overridden.
<code>.exclude</code>	Whether to exclude key variables from <code>.tbl</code> .

## Details

`key_by` ignores grouping when creating keys. Also if `.add == TRUE` and names of some added keys match the names of existing keys the new ones will override the old ones.

Value for `keys<-` should not be `NULL` because it is converted to `tibble` with zero rows. To remove keys use `unkey()`, `remove_keys()` or `restore_keys()`. `assign_keys` is a more suitable for piping wrapper for `keys<-`.

## See Also

[Get keys, Manipulate keys](#)

[Scoped key\\_by\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
df <- dplyr::as_tibble(mtcars)

# Value is converted to tibble
keys(df) <- 1:nrow(df)

# This will throw an error
## Not run:
keys(df) <- 1:10
```

```

## End(Not run)

# Use 'vs' and 'am' as keys
df %>% key_by(vs, am)

df %>% key_by(vs, am, .exclude = TRUE)

df %>% key_by(vs) %>% key_by(am, .add = TRUE, .exclude = TRUE)

# Override keys
df %>% key_by(vs, am) %>% dplyr::mutate(vs = 1) %>%
  key_by(gear, vs, .add = TRUE)

# Use select helpers
df %>% key_by(dplyr::one_of(c("vs", "am")))

df %>% key_by(dplyr::everything())

```

remove-keys-scoped      *Remove selection of keys*

## Description

These functions remove selection of keys using corresponding [scoped variant](#) of `select`. `.funs` argument is removed because of its redundancy.

## Usage

```

remove_keys_all(.tbl, ..., .unkey = FALSE)

remove_keys_if(.tbl, .predicate, ..., .unkey = FALSE)

remove_keys_at(.tbl, .vars, ..., .unkey = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

<code>.tbl</code>	Reference data frame.
<code>...</code>	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
<code>.unkey</code>	Whether to <a href="#">unkey()</a> <code>.tbl</code> in case there are no keys left.
<code>.predicate</code>	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
<code>.vars</code>	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.

## Examples

```
df <- mtcars %>% dplyr::as_tibble() %>% key_by(vs, am, disp)
df %>% remove_keys_all()

df %>% remove_keys_all(.unkey = TRUE)

df %>% remove_keys_if(rlang::is_integerish)

df %>% remove_keys_at(c("vs", "am"))
```

rename-keys-scoped     *Rename selection of keys*

## Description

These functions rename selection of keys using corresponding [scoped variant of rename](#).

## Usage

```
rename_keys_all(.tbl, .funs = list(), ...)
rename_keys_if(.tbl, .predicate, .funs = list(), ...)
rename_keys_at(.tbl, .vars, .funs = list(), ...)
```

## Arguments

.tbl	Reference data frame.
.funs	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
...	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
.predicate	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.
.vars	Parameter for <a href="#">scoped</a> functions.

restore-keys-scoped     *Restore selection of keys*

## Description

These functions restore selection of keys using corresponding [scoped variant of select](#). .funs argument can be used to rename some keys (without touching actual keys) before restoring.

## Usage

```
restore_keys_all(.tbl, .fun = list(), ..., .remove = FALSE,
                 .unkey = FALSE)

restore_keys_if(.tbl, .predicate, .fun = list(), ..., .remove = FALSE,
                 .unkey = FALSE)

restore_keys_at(.tbl, .vars, .fun = list(), ..., .remove = FALSE,
                 .unkey = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

.tbl	Reference data frame.
.fun	Parameter for <code>scoped</code> functions.
...	Parameter for <code>scoped</code> functions.
.remove	Whether to remove keys after restoring.
.unkey	Whether to <code>unkey()</code> .tbl in case there are no keys left.
.predicate	Parameter for <code>scoped</code> functions.
.vars	Parameter for <code>scoped</code> functions.

## Examples

```
df <- mtcars %>% dplyr::as_tibble() %>% key_by(vs, am, disp)
# Just restore all keys
df %>% restore_keys_all()

# Restore all keys with renaming and without touching actual keys
df %>% restore_keys_all(.fun = toupper)

# Restore with renaming and removing
df %>%
  restore_keys_all(.fun = toupper, .remove = TRUE)

# Restore with renaming, removing and unkeying
df %>%
  restore_keys_all(.fun = toupper, .remove = TRUE, .unkey = TRUE)

# Restore with renaming keys satisfying the predicate
df %>%
  restore_keys_if(rlang::is_integerish, .fun = toupper)

# Restore with renaming specified keys
df %>%
  restore_keys_at(c("vs", "disp"), .fun = toupper)
```

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