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# **dargs Documentation**

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## ARGUMENT CHECKING FOR PYTHON PROGRAMS

This is a minimum version for checking the input argument dict. It would examine argument's type, as well as keys and types of its sub-arguments.

A special case called *variant* is also handled, where you can determine the items of a dict based the value of on one of its `flag_name` key.

There are three main methods of `Argument` class:

- `check` method that takes a dict and see if its type follows the definition in the class
- `normalize` method that takes a dict and convert alias and add default value into it
- `gendoc` method that outputs the defined argument structure and corresponding docs

There are also `check_value` and `normalize_value` that ignore the leading key comparing to the base version.

When targeting to html rendering, additional anchor can be made for cross reference. Set `make_anchor=True` when calling `gendoc` function and use standard ref syntax in rst. The id is the same as the argument path. Variant types would be in square brackets.

Please refer to test files for detailed usage.



## USE WITH SPHINX

Add *dargs.sphinx* to the extensions of *conf.py*:

```
extensions = [  
    'dargs.sphinx',  
]
```

Then *dargs* directive will be enabled:

```
.. dargs::  
    :module: dargs.sphinx  
    :func: _test_argument
```

where *\_test\_argument* returns an *Argument*. The documentation will be rendered as:

**test:**

type: dict | str

argument path: test

This argument/variant is only used to test.

**test\_argument:**

type: str

argument path: test/test\_argument

This argument/variant is only used to test.

**test\_list:**

type: typing.List[int], optional

argument path: test/test\_list

Depending on the value of *test\_variant*, different sub args are accepted.

**test\_variant:**

type: str (flag key)

argument path: test/test\_variant

possible choices: *test\_variant\_argument*

This argument/variant is only used to test.

When *test\_variant* is set to *test\_variant\_argument*:

This argument/variant is only used to test.

**test\_repeat:**

type: list

argument path: test[test\_variant\_argument]/test\_repeat

This argument/variant is only used to test.

This argument takes a list with each element containing the following:

**test\_repeat\_item:**

type: bool

argument path:

test[test\_variant\_argument]/test\_repeat/test\_repeat\_item

This argument/variant is only used to test.

A `list` of `Argument` is also accepted.

**test1:**

type: int

argument path: test1

Argument 1

**test2:**

type: NoneType | float

argument path: test2

Argument 2

**test3:**

type: typing.List[str], optional, default: ['test']

argument path: test3

Argument 3

## 2.1 Cross-referencing Arguments

Both the following ways will create a cross-reference to the argument:

Both `:dargs:argument:`this <test/test_argument>`` and `:ref:`this <test/test_argument>`` will create a cross-reference to the argument!

It will be rendered as:

Both `this` and `this` will create a cross-reference to the argument!



## 2.2 Index page

The arguments will be added into the genindex page. See *test\_argument* in the genindex page.



## USE WITH DP-GUI

Developers can export an *Argument* to DP-GUI for users, by adding a `dpgui` entry point to *pyproject.toml*:

```
[project.entry-points."dpgui"]  
"Test Argument" = "dargs.sphinx:_test_argument"
```

where `_test_argument` returns an *Argument* or a list of *Argument*, and "Test Argument" is its name that can be any string.

Users can install the *dpgui* Python package via *pip* and serve the DP-GUI instance using the *dpgui* command line:

```
pip install dpgui  
dpgui
```

The served DP-GUI will automatically load all templates from the `dpgui` entry point.



## USE WITH JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

In a Jupyter Notebook, with *dargs.notebook.JSON()*, one can render an JSON string with an Argument.

```
from dargs.sphinx import _test_argument
from dargs.notebook import JSON

jstr = """
{
    "test_argument": "test1",
    "test_list": [
        1,
        2,
        3
    ],
    "test_variant": "test_variant_argument",
    "test_repeat": [
        {"test_repeat_item": false},
        {"test_repeat_item": true}
    ],
    "_comment": "This is an example data"
}
"""
JSON(jstr, _test_argument())
```

```
<IPython.core.display.HTML object>
```

When the mouse stays on an argument key, the documentation of this argument will pop up.



## API DOCUMENTATION

## 5.1 dargs package

```
class dargs.Argument(name: str, dtype: None | type | Iterable[type], sub_fields: Iterable[Argument] | None =
    None, sub_variants: Iterable[Variant] | None = None, repeat: bool = False, optional:
    bool = False, default: Any = _Flags.NONE, alias: Iterable[str] | None = None,
    extra_check: Callable[[Any], bool] | None = None, doc: str = "", fold_subdoc: bool =
    False, extra_check_errmsg: str = "")
```

Bases: `object`

Define possible arguments and their types and properties.

Each *Argument* instance contains a *name* and a *dtype*, that correspond to the key and value type of the actual argument. Additionally, it can include *sub\_fields* and *sub\_variants* to deal with nested dict arguments.

**Parameters****name**

[str] The name of the current argument, i.e. the key in the arg dict.

**dtype**

[type or list of type] The value type of the current argument, can be a list of possible types. *None* will be treated as *NoneType*

**sub\_fields: list of Argument, optional**

If given, *dtype* is assumed to be dict, whose items correspond to the *Argument*'s in the *sub\_fields* list.

**sub\_variants: list of Variants, optional**

If given, *dtype* is assumed to be dict, and its items are determined by the *Variant*'s in the given list and the value of their flag keys.

**repeat: bool, optional**

If true, *dtype* is assume to be list of dict and each dict consists of sub fields and sub variants described above. Defaults to false.

**optional: bool, optional**

If true, consider the current argument to be optional in checking.

**default: any value type**

The default value of the argument, used in normalization.

**alias: list of str**

Alternative names of the current argument, used in normalization.

**extra\_check: callable**

Additional check to be done on the value of the argument. Should be a function that takes the value and returns whether it passes.

**doc: str**

The doc string of the argument, used in doc generation.

**fold\_subdoc: bool, optional**

If true, no doc will be generated for sub args.

**extra\_check\_errmsg**

[str] The error message if extra\_check fails

## Examples

```
>>> ca = Argument("base", dict, [Argument("sub", int)])
>>> ca.check({"base": {"sub1": 1}})
>>> ca.check_value({"sub1": 1})
```

for more detailed examples, please check the unit tests.

### Attributes

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### Methods

<code>add_subfield(name, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Add a sub field to the current Argument.
<code>add_subvariant(flag_name, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Add a sub variant to the current Argument.
<code>check(argdict[, strict])</code>	Check whether <i>argdict</i> meets the structure defined in self.
<code>check_value(value[, strict])</code>	Check the value without the leading key.
<code>extend_subfields(sub_fields)</code>	Add a list of sub fields to the current Argument.
<code>extend_subvariants(sub_variants)</code>	Add a list of sub variants to the current Argument.
<code>gen_doc([path])</code>	Generate doc string for the current Argument.
<code>normalize(argdict[, inplace, do_default, ...])</code>	Modify <i>argdict</i> so that it meets the Argument structure.
<code>normalize_value(value[, inplace, ...])</code>	Modify the value so that it meets the Argument structure.
<code>set_dtype(dtype)</code>	Change the dtype of the current Argument.
<code>set_repeat([repeat])</code>	Change the repeat attribute of the current Argument.

<b>flatten_sub</b>
<b>gen_doc_body</b>
<b>gen_doc_head</b>
<b>gen_doc_path</b>
<b>traverse</b>
<b>traverse_value</b>

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**add\_subfield**(*name*: *str* | *Argument*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*) → *Argument*

Add a sub field to the current *Argument*.

**add\_subvariant**(*flag\_name*: *str* | *Variant*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*) → *Variant*

Add a sub variant to the current *Argument*.

**check**(*argdict*: *dict*, *strict*: *bool* = *False*)

Check whether *argdict* meets the structure defined in self.

Will recursively check nested dicts according to *sub\_fields* and *sub\_variants*. Raise an error if the check fails.

#### Parameters

**argdict**

[dict] The arg dict to be checked

**strict**

[bool, optional] If true, only keys defined in *Argument* are allowed.

**check\_value**(*value*: *Any*, *strict*: *bool* = *False*)

Check the value without the leading key.

Same as *check({self.name: value})*. Raise an error if the check fails.

#### Parameters

**value**

[any value type] The value to be checked

**strict**

[bool, optional] If true, only keys defined in *Argument* are allowed.

**extend\_subfields**(*sub\_fields*: *Iterable*[*Argument*] | *None*)

Add a list of sub fields to the current *Argument*.

**extend\_subvariants**(*sub\_variants*: *Iterable*[*Variant*] | *None*)

Add a list of sub variants to the current *Argument*.

**flatten\_sub**(*value*: *dict*, *path*=*None*) → *Dict*[*str*, *Argument*]

**gen\_doc**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

Generate doc string for the current *Argument*.

**gen\_doc\_body**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**gen\_doc\_head**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**gen\_doc\_path**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**normalize**(*argdict*: *dict*, *inplace*: *bool* = *False*, *do\_default*: *bool* = *True*, *do\_alias*: *bool* = *True*, *trim\_pattern*: *str* | *None* = *None*)

Modify *argdict* so that it meets the *Argument* structure.

Normalization can add default values to optional args, substitute alias by its standard names, and discard unnecessary args following given pattern.

#### Parameters

**argdict**

[dict] The arg dict to be normalized.

**inplace**

[bool, optional] If true, modify the given dict. Otherwise return a new one.

**do\_default**

[bool, optional] Whether to add default values.

**do\_alias**

[bool, optional] Whether to transform alias names.

**trim\_pattern**

[str, optional] If given, discard keys that matches the glob pattern.

**Returns****dict:**

The normalized arg dict.

**normalize\_value**(value: *Any*, inplace: *bool* = False, do\_default: *bool* = True, do\_alias: *bool* = True, trim\_pattern: *str* | *None* = None)

Modify the value so that it meets the Argument structure.

Same as `normalize({self.name: value})[self.name]`.

**Parameters****value**

[any value type] The arg value to be normalized.

**inplace**

[bool, optional] If true, modify the given dict. Otherwise return a new one.

**do\_default**

[bool, optional] Whether to add default values.

**do\_alias**

[bool, optional] Whether to transform alias names.

**trim\_pattern**

[str, optional] If given, discard keys that matches the glob pattern.

**Returns****value:**

The normalized arg value.

**set\_dtype**(dtype: *None* | *type* | *Iterable*[*type*])

Change the dtype of the current Argument.

**set\_repeat**(repeat: *bool* = True)

Change the repeat attribute of the current Argument.

**traverse**(argdict: dict, key\_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, value\_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, ~typing.Any, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, sub\_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, variant\_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Variant, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, path: ~typing.List[str] | None = None)

```

traverse_value(value: ~typing.Any, key_hook: ~typing.Callable[[-dargs.dargs.Argument, dict,
    ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function _DUMMYHOOK>, value_hook:
    ~typing.Callable[[-dargs.dargs.Argument, ~typing.Any, ~typing.List[str]], None] =
    <function _DUMMYHOOK>, sub_hook: ~typing.Callable[[-dargs.dargs.Argument, dict,
    ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function _DUMMYHOOK>, variant_hook:
    ~typing.Callable[[-dargs.dargs.Variant, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function
    _DUMMYHOOK>, path: ~typing.List[str] | None = None)

```

```

class dargs.ArgumentEncoder(* , skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True, allow_nan=True,
    sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None, default=None)

```

Bases: `JSONEncoder`

Extended JSON Encoder to encode Argument object.

## Examples

```
>>> json.dumps(some_arg, cls=ArgumentEncoder)
```

## Methods

<code>default(obj)</code>	Generate a dict containing argument information, making it ready to be encoded to JSON string.
<code>encode(o)</code>	Return a JSON string representation of a Python data structure.
<code>iterencode(o[, _one_shot])</code>	Encode the given object and yield each string representation as available.

**default**(obj) → `Dict[str, str | bool | List]`

Generate a dict containing argument information, making it ready to be encoded to JSON string.

### Returns

**dict:** `Dict`

a dict containing argument information

## Notes

All object in the dict should be JSON serializable.

```

class dargs.Variant(flag_name: str, choices: Iterable[Argument] | None = None, optional: bool = False,
    default_tag: str = "", doc: str = "")

```

Bases: `object`

Define multiple choices of possible argument sets.

Each Variant contains a *flag\_name* and a list of choices that are represented by *Argument*'s. The choice is picked if its name matches the value of *flag\_name* in the actual arguments. The actual arguments should then be a dict containing *flag\_name* and sub fields of the picked choice.

### Parameters

**flag\_name:** `str`

The name of the key to be used as the switching flag.

**choices: list of Argument**

A list of possible choices. Each of them should be an *Argument*. The name of the *Argument* serves as the tag in the switching flag.

**optional: bool, optional**

If true, the flag\_name can be optional and defaults to *default\_flag*.

**default\_tag: str, optional**

Needed if optional is true.

**doc: str, optional**

The doc string used in document generation.

## Notes

This class should only be used in sub variants of the *Argument* class.

## Methods

<code>add_choice(tag[, _dtype])</code>	Add a choice Argument to the current Variant.
<code>extend_choices(choices)</code>	Add a list of choice Arguments to the current Variant.
<code>set_default(default_tag)</code>	Change the default tag of the current Variant.

<b>dummy_argument</b>
<b>flatten_sub</b>
<b>gen_doc</b>
<b>gen_doc_flag</b>
<b>get_choice</b>

`add_choice(tag: str | ~dargs.dargs.Argument, _dtype: None | type | ~typing.Iterable[type] = <class 'dict'>, *args, **kwargs) → Argument`

Add a choice Argument to the current Variant.

`dummy_argument()`

`extend_choices(choices: Iterable[Argument] | None)`

Add a list of choice Arguments to the current Variant.

`flatten_sub(argdict: dict, path=None) → Dict[str, Argument]`

`gen_doc(path: List[str] | None = None, showflag: bool = False, **kwargs) → str`

`gen_doc_flag(path: List[str] | None = None, **kwargs) → str`

`get_choice(argdict: dict, path=None) → Argument`

`set_default(default_tag: bool | str)`

Change the default tag of the current Variant.

### 5.1.1 Submodules

### 5.1.2 dargs.dargs module

Some (ocaml) pseudo-code here to show the intended type structure.

```
type args = {key: str; value: data; optional: bool; doc: str} list and data =
  Arg of dtype
  Node of args
  Repeat of args
  Variant of (str * args) list
```

In actual implementation, We flatten this structure into on tree-like class *Argument* with (optional) attribute *dtype*, *sub\_fields*, *repeat* and *sub\_variants* to mimic the union behavior in the type structure.

Due to the complexity of *Variant* structure, it is implemented into a separate class *Variant* so that multiple choices can be handled correctly. We also need to pay special attention to flat the keys of its choices.

```
class dargs.dargs.Argument(name: str, dtype: None | type | Iterable[type], sub_fields: Iterable[Argument] |
                             None = None, sub_variants: Iterable[Variant] | None = None, repeat: bool =
                             False, optional: bool = False, default: Any = _Flags.NONE, alias: Iterable[str] |
                             None = None, extra_check: Callable[[Any], bool] | None = None, doc: str = "",
                             fold_subdoc: bool = False, extra_check_errmsg: str = "")
```

Bases: `object`

Define possible arguments and their types and properties.

Each *Argument* instance contains a *name* and a *dtype*, that correspond to the key and value type of the actual argument. Additionally, it can include *sub\_fields* and *sub\_variants* to deal with nested dict arguments.

#### Parameters

##### name

[str] The name of the current argument, i.e. the key in the arg dict.

##### dtype

[type or list of type] The value type of the current argument, can be a list of possible types. *None* will be treated as *NoneType*

##### sub\_fields: list of Argument, optional

If given, *dtype* is assumed to be dict, whose items correspond to the *Argument*'s in the *sub\_fields* list.

##### sub\_variants: list of Variants, optional

If given, *dtype* is assumed to be dict, and its items are determined by the *Variant*'s in the given list and the value of their flag keys.

##### repeat: bool, optional

If true, *dtype* is assume to be list of dict and each dict consists of sub fields and sub variants described above. Defaults to false.

##### optional: bool, optional

If true, consider the current argument to be optional in checking.

##### default: any value type

The default value of the argument,used in normalization.

##### alias: list of str

Alternative names of the current argument, used in normalization.

**extra\_check: callable**

Additional check to be done on the value of the argument. Should be a function that takes the value and returns whether it passes.

**doc: str**

The doc string of the argument, used in doc generation.

**fold\_subdoc: bool, optional**

If true, no doc will be generated for sub args.

**extra\_check\_errmsg**

[str] The error message if extra\_check fails

## Examples

```
>>> ca = Argument("base", dict, [Argument("sub", int)])
>>> ca.check({"base": {"sub1": 1}})
>>> ca.check_value({"sub1": 1})
```

for more detailed examples, please check the unit tests.

### Attributes

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## Methods

<code>add_subfield(name, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Add a sub field to the current Argument.
<code>add_subvariant(flag_name, *args, **kwargs)</code>	Add a sub variant to the current Argument.
<code>check(argdict[, strict])</code>	Check whether <i>argdict</i> meets the structure defined in self.
<code>check_value(value[, strict])</code>	Check the value without the leading key.
<code>extend_subfields(sub_fields)</code>	Add a list of sub fields to the current Argument.
<code>extend_subvariants(sub_variants)</code>	Add a list of sub variants to the current Argument.
<code>gen_doc([path])</code>	Generate doc string for the current Argument.
<code>normalize(argdict[, inplace, do_default, ...])</code>	Modify <i>argdict</i> so that it meets the Argument structure.
<code>normalize_value(value[, inplace, ...])</code>	Modify the value so that it meets the Argument structure.
<code>set_dtype(dtype)</code>	Change the dtype of the current Argument.
<code>set_repeat([repeat])</code>	Change the repeat attribute of the current Argument.

<b>flatten_sub</b>
<b>gen_doc_body</b>
<b>gen_doc_head</b>
<b>gen_doc_path</b>
<b>traverse</b>
<b>traverse_value</b>

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**add\_subfield**(*name*: *str* | *Argument*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*) → *Argument*

Add a sub field to the current *Argument*.

**add\_subvariant**(*flag\_name*: *str* | *Variant*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*) → *Variant*

Add a sub variant to the current *Argument*.

**check**(*argdict*: *dict*, *strict*: *bool* = *False*)

Check whether *argdict* meets the structure defined in self.

Will recursively check nested dicts according to *sub\_fields* and *sub\_variants*. Raise an error if the check fails.

#### Parameters

**argdict**

[dict] The arg dict to be checked

**strict**

[bool, optional] If true, only keys defined in *Argument* are allowed.

**check\_value**(*value*: *Any*, *strict*: *bool* = *False*)

Check the value without the leading key.

Same as *check({self.name: value})*. Raise an error if the check fails.

#### Parameters

**value**

[any value type] The value to be checked

**strict**

[bool, optional] If true, only keys defined in *Argument* are allowed.

**extend\_subfields**(*sub\_fields*: *Iterable*[*Argument*] | *None*)

Add a list of sub fields to the current *Argument*.

**extend\_subvariants**(*sub\_variants*: *Iterable*[*Variant*] | *None*)

Add a list of sub variants to the current *Argument*.

**flatten\_sub**(*value*: *dict*, *path*=*None*) → *Dict*[*str*, *Argument*]

**gen\_doc**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

Generate doc string for the current *Argument*.

**gen\_doc\_body**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**gen\_doc\_head**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**gen\_doc\_path**(*path*: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\**kwargs*) → *str*

**normalize**(*argdict*: *dict*, *inplace*: *bool* = *False*, *do\_default*: *bool* = *True*, *do\_alias*: *bool* = *True*, *trim\_pattern*: *str* | *None* = *None*)

Modify *argdict* so that it meets the *Argument* structure.

Normalization can add default values to optional args, substitute alias by its standard names, and discard unnecessary args following given pattern.

#### Parameters

**argdict**

[dict] The arg dict to be normalized.

**inplace**

[bool, optional] If true, modify the given dict. Otherwise return a new one.

**do\_default**

[bool, optional] Whether to add default values.

**do\_alias**

[bool, optional] Whether to transform alias names.

**trim\_pattern**

[str, optional] If given, discard keys that matches the glob pattern.

**Returns****dict:**

The normalized arg dict.

**normalize\_value**(*value*: *Any*, *inplace*: *bool* = *False*, *do\_default*: *bool* = *True*, *do\_alias*: *bool* = *True*,  
*trim\_pattern*: *str* | *None* = *None*)

Modify the value so that it meets the Argument structure.

Same as *normalize({self.name: value})[self.name]*.

**Parameters****value**

[any value type] The arg value to be normalized.

**inplace**

[bool, optional] If true, modify the given dict. Otherwise return a new one.

**do\_default**

[bool, optional] Whether to add default values.

**do\_alias**

[bool, optional] Whether to transform alias names.

**trim\_pattern**

[str, optional] If given, discard keys that matches the glob pattern.

**Returns****value:**

The normalized arg value.

**set\_dtype**(*dtype*: *None* | *type* | *Iterable*[*type*])

Change the dtype of the current Argument.

**set\_repeat**(*repeat*: *bool* = *True*)

Change the repeat attribute of the current Argument.

**traverse**(*argdict*: dict, *key\_hook*: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None]  
= <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, *value\_hook*: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument,  
~typing.Any, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, *sub\_hook*:  
~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function  
\_DUMMYHOOK>, *variant\_hook*: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Variant, dict,  
~typing.List[str]], None] = <function \_DUMMYHOOK>, *path*: ~typing.List[str] | None = None)



```

traverse_value(value: ~typing.Any, key_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict,
    ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function _DUMMYHOOK>, value_hook:
    ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, ~typing.Any, ~typing.List[str]], None] =
    <function _DUMMYHOOK>, sub_hook: ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Argument, dict,
    ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function _DUMMYHOOK>, variant_hook:
    ~typing.Callable[[~dargs.dargs.Variant, dict, ~typing.List[str]], None] = <function
    _DUMMYHOOK>, path: ~typing.List[str] | None = None)

```

```

class dargs.dargs.ArgumentEncoder(*, skipkeys=False, ensure_ascii=True, check_circular=True,
    allow_nan=True, sort_keys=False, indent=None, separators=None,
    default=None)

```

Bases: `JSONEncoder`

Extended JSON Encoder to encode Argument object.

## Examples

```
>>> json.dumps(some_arg, cls=ArgumentEncoder)
```

## Methods

<code>default(obj)</code>	Generate a dict containing argument information, making it ready to be encoded to JSON string.
<code>encode(o)</code>	Return a JSON string representation of a Python data structure.
<code>iterencode(o[, _one_shot])</code>	Encode the given object and yield each string representation as available.

**default**(obj) → `Dict[str, str | bool | List]`

Generate a dict containing argument information, making it ready to be encoded to JSON string.

### Returns

**dict:** `Dict`

a dict containing argument information

## Notes

All object in the dict should be JSON serializable.

**exception** dargs.dargs.**ArgumentError**(path: `None` | `str` | `List[str]` = `None`, message: `str` | `None` = `None`)

Bases: `Exception`

Base error class for invalid argument values in argchecking.

**exception** dargs.dargs.**ArgumentKeyError**(path: `None` | `str` | `List[str]` = `None`, message: `str` | `None` = `None`)

Bases: `ArgumentError`

Error class for missing or invalid argument keys.

**exception** dargs.dargs.**ArgumentTypeError**(path: *None* | *str* | *List[str]* = *None*, message: *str* | *None* = *None*)

Bases: *ArgumentError*

Error class for invalid argument data types.

**exception** dargs.dargs.**ArgumentValueError**(path: *None* | *str* | *List[str]* = *None*, message: *str* | *None* = *None*)

Bases: *ArgumentError*

Error class for missing or invalid argument values.

**class** dargs.dargs.**Variant**(flag\_name: *str*, choices: *Iterable[Argument]* | *None* = *None*, optional: *bool* = *False*, default\_tag: *str* = "", doc: *str* = "")

Bases: *object*

Define multiple choices of possible argument sets.

Each Variant contains a *flag\_name* and a list of choices that are represented by *Argument*'s. *The choice is picked if its name matches the value of flag\_name in the actual arguments.* The actual arguments should then be a dict containing *flag\_name* and sub fields of the picked choice.

#### Parameters

**flag\_name: str**

The name of the key to be used as the switching flag.

**choices: list of Argument**

A list of possible choices. Each of them should be an *Argument*. The name of the *Argument* serves as the tag in the switching flag.

**optional: bool, optional**

If true, the *flag\_name* can be optional and defaults to *default\_flag*.

**default\_tag: str, optional**

Needed if optional is true.

**doc: str, optional**

The doc string used in document generation.

#### Notes

This class should only be used in sub variants of the *Argument* class.

#### Methods

<i>add_choice</i> (tag[, _dtype])	Add a choice Argument to the current Variant.
<i>extend_choices</i> (choices)	Add a list of choice Arguments to the current Variant.
<i>set_default</i> (default_tag)	Change the default tag of the current Variant.

**dummy\_argument**

**flatten\_sub**

**gen\_doc**

**gen\_doc\_flag**

**get\_choice**

**add\_choice**(tag: *str* | ~dargs.dargs.Argument, \_dtype: *None* | *type* | ~typing.Iterable[*type*] = <class 'dict'>, \*args, \*\*kwargs) → *Argument*

Add a choice Argument to the current Variant.

**dummy\_argument**()

**extend\_choices**(choices: *Iterable*[*Argument*] | *None*)

Add a list of choice Arguments to the current Variant.

**flatten\_sub**(argdict: *dict*, path=*None*) → *Dict*[*str*, *Argument*]

**gen\_doc**(path: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, showflag: *bool* = *False*, \*\*kwargs) → *str*

**gen\_doc\_flag**(path: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, \*\*kwargs) → *str*

**get\_choice**(argdict: *dict*, path=*None*) → *Argument*

**set\_default**(default\_tag: *bool* | *str*)

Change the default tag of the current Variant.

dargs.dargs.**did\_you\_mean**(choice: *str*, choices: *List*[*str*]) → *str*

Get did you mean message.

#### Parameters

**choice**

[*str*] the user's wrong choice

**choices**

[*list*[*str*]] all the choices

#### Returns

**str**

did you mean error message

dargs.dargs.**isinstance\_annotation**(value, dtype) → *bool*

Same as isinstance(), but supports arbitrary type annotations.

dargs.dargs.**make\_ref\_pair**(path, text=*None*, prefix=*None*)

dargs.dargs.**make\_rst\_refid**(name)

dargs.dargs.**trim\_by\_pattern**(argdict: *dict*, pattern: *str*, reserved: *List*[*str*] | *None* = *None*, use\_regex: *bool* = *False*)

dargs.dargs.**update\_nodup**(this: *dict*, \*others: *dict* | *Iterable*[*tuple*], exclude: *Iterable* | *None* = *None*, err\_msg: *str* | *None* = *None*)

### 5.1.3 dargs.notebook module

IPython/Jupyter Notebook display for dargs.

It is expected to be used in Jupyter Notebook, where the IPython module is available.

## Examples

```
>>> from dargs.sphinx import _test_argument
>>> from dargs.notebook import JSON
>>> jstr = """
... {
...     "test_argument": "test1",
...     "test_variant": "test_variant_argument",
...     "_comment": "This is an example data"
... }
... """
>>> JSON(jstr, _test_argument())
```

`dargs.notebook.JSON(data: dict | str, arg: Argument | List[Argument])`

Display JSON data with *Argument* in the Jupyter Notebook.

### Parameters

#### **data**

[dict or str] The JSON data to be displayed, either JSON string or a dict.

#### **arg**

[dargs.Argument or list[dargs.Argument]] The *Argument* that describes the JSON data.

## 5.1.4 dargs.sphinx module

Sphinx extension.

To enable dargs Sphinx extension, add *dargs.sphinx* to the extensions of `conf.py`:

```
extensions = [
    'dargs.sphinx',
]
```

Then *dargs* directive will be added:

```
.. dargs::
   :module: dargs.sphinx
   :func: _test_argument
```

where *\_test\_argument* returns an *Argument*. A *list* of *Argument* is also accepted.

```
class dargs.sphinx.DargsDirective(name, arguments, options, content, lineno, content_offset, block_text,
                                  state, state_machine)
```

Bases: `Directive`

dargs directive.

## Methods

<code>add_name(node)</code>	Append <code>self.options['name']</code> to <code>node['names']</code> if it exists.
<code>assert_has_content()</code>	Throw an ERROR-level <code>DirectiveError</code> if the directive doesn't have contents.
<code>directive_error(level, message)</code>	Return a <code>DirectiveError</code> suitable for being thrown as an exception.

<b>debug</b>
<b>error</b>
<b>info</b>
<b>run</b>
<b>severe</b>
<b>warning</b>

**has\_content:** `ClassVar[bool]` = `True`

May the directive have content?

**option\_spec:** `ClassVar[dict]` = `{'func': <function unchanged>, 'module': <function unchanged>}`

Mapping of option names to validator functions.

**run()**

**class** `dargs.sphinx.DargsDomain(env: BuildEnvironment)`

Bases: `Domain`

Dargs domain.

Includes: - `dargs::argument directive` - `dargs::argument role`

## Methods

<code>add_object_type(name, objtype)</code>	Add an object type.
<code>check_consistency()</code>	Do consistency checks ( <b>experimental</b> ).
<code>clear_doc(docname)</code>	Remove traces of a document in the domain-specific inventories.
<code>directive(name)</code>	Return a directive adapter class that always gives the registered directive its full name ('domain:name') as <code>self.name</code> .
<code>get_enumerable_node_type(node)</code>	Get type of enumerable nodes (experimental).
<code>get_full_qualified_name(node)</code>	Return full qualified name for given node.
<code>get_objects()</code>	Return an iterable of "object descriptions".
<code>get_type_name(type[, primary])</code>	Return full name for given ObjType.
<code>merge_domaindata(docnames, otherdata)</code>	Merge in data regarding <i>docnames</i> from a different domaindata inventory (coming from a subprocess in parallel builds).
<code>process_doc(env, docname, document)</code>	Process a document after it is read by the environment.
<code>process_field_xref(pnode)</code>	Process a pending xref created in a doc field.
<code>resolve_any_xref(env, fromdocname, builder, ...)</code>	Resolve the pending_xref <i>node</i> with the given <i>target</i> .
<code>resolve_xref(env, fromdocname, builder, typ, ...)</code>	Resolve cross-references.
<code>role(name)</code>	Return a role adapter function that always gives the registered role its full name ('domain:name') as the first argument.
<code>setup()</code>	Set up domain object.

**directives:** `ClassVar[dict]` = {'argument': <class 'dargs.sphinx.DargsObject'>}  
 directive name -> directive class

**initial\_data:** `ClassVar[dict]` = {'arguments': {}}  
 data value for a fresh environment

**label:** `ClassVar[str]` = 'dargs'  
 domain label: longer, more descriptive (used in messages)

**name:** `ClassVar[str]` = 'dargs'  
 domain name: should be short, but unique

**object\_types:** `ClassVar[dict]` = {'argument': <sphinx.domains.ObjType object>}  
 type (usually directive) name -> ObjType instance

**resolve\_xref**(*env, fromdocname, builder, typ, target, node, contnode*)  
 Resolve cross-references.

**roles:** `ClassVar[dict]` = {'argument': <sphinx.roles.XRefRole object>}  
 role name -> role callable

**class** `dargs.sphinx.DargsObject`(*name, arguments, options, content, lineno, content\_offset, block\_text, state, state\_machine*)

Bases: `ObjectDescription`

`dargs::argument` directive.

This directive creates a signature node for an argument.

### Attributes

**config**

Reference to the Config object.

**domain****env**

Reference to the BuildEnvironment object.

**Methods**

<code>add_name(node)</code>	Append self.options['name'] to node['names'] if it exists.
<code>add_target_and_index(name, sig, signode)</code>	Add cross-reference IDs and entries to self.indexnode, if applicable.
<code>after_content()</code>	Called after parsing content.
<code>assert_has_content()</code>	Throw an ERROR-level DirectiveError if the directive doesn't have contents.
<code>before_content()</code>	Called before parsing content.
<code>directive_error(level, message)</code>	Return a DirectiveError suitable for being thrown as an exception.
<code>get_location()</code>	Get current location info for logging.
<code>get_signatures()</code>	Retrieve the signatures to document from the directive arguments.
<code>get_source_info()</code>	Get source and line number.
<code>handle_signature(sig, signode)</code>	Parse the signature <i>sig</i> into individual nodes and append them to <i>signode</i> .
<code>run()</code>	Main directive entry function, called by docutils upon encountering the directive.
<code>set_source_info(node)</code>	Set source and line number to the node.
<code>transform_content(contentnode)</code>	Called after creating the content through nested parsing, but before the object-description-transform event is emitted, and before the info-fields are transformed.

**debug****error****get\_field\_type\_map****info****severe****warning****add\_target\_and\_index(name, sig, signode)**

Add cross-reference IDs and entries to self.indexnode, if applicable.

*name* is whatever `handle_signature()` returned.

**handle\_signature(sig, signode)**

Parse the signature *sig* into individual nodes and append them to *signode*. If ValueError is raised, parsing is aborted and the whole *sig* is put into a single desc\_name node.

The return value should be a value that identifies the object. It is passed to `add_target_and_index()` unchanged, and otherwise only used to skip duplicates.

`option_spec: ClassVar[dict] = {'path': <function unchanged>}`

Mapping of option names to validator functions.

`dargs.sphinx.setup(app)`

Setup sphinx app.



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