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# Preferences(bpy\_struct)

base class — [bpy\\_struct](#)

**class** bpy.types.Preferences(bpy\_struct)

Global preferences

**active\_section**

Preferences

**TYPE:**

enum in [Preference Section Items](#), default 'INTERFACE'

**addons**

**TYPE:**

[Addons](#) [bpy\\_prop\\_collection](#) of [Addon](#) , (readonly)

**app\_template**

**TYPE:**

string, default "", (never None)

**apps**

Preferences that work only for apps

**TYPE:**

[PreferencesApps](#) , (readonly, never None)

**autoexec\_paths**

**TYPE:**

[PathCompareCollection](#) [bpy\\_prop\\_collection](#) of [PathCompare](#) , (readonly)

**edit**

Settings for interacting with Blender data

**TYPE:**

[PreferencesEdit](#) , (readonly, never None)

**experimental**

Settings for features that are still early in their development stage

**TYPE:**

[PreferencesExperimental](#) , (readonly, never None)

**extensions**

Settings for extensions

**TYPE:**

[PreferencesExtensions](#) , (readonly, never None)

**filepaths**

Default paths for external files

**TYPE:**

[PreferencesFilePaths](#) , (readonly, never None)

## inputs

Settings for input devices

### TYPE:

`PreferencesInput`, (readonly, never None)

## is\_dirty

Preferences have changed

### TYPE:

boolean, default False

## keymap

Shortcut setup for keyboards and other input devices

### TYPE:

`PreferencesKeymap`, (readonly, never None)

## studio\_lights

### TYPE:

`StudioLights` `bpy_prop_collection` of `StudioLight`, (readonly)

## system

Graphics driver and operating system settings

### TYPE:

`PreferencesSystem`, (readonly, never None)

## themes

### TYPE:

`bpy_prop_collection` of `Theme`, (readonly)

## ui\_styles

### TYPE:

`bpy_prop_collection` of `ThemeStyle`, (readonly)

## use\_preferences\_save

Save preferences on exit when modified (unless factory settings have been loaded)

### TYPE:

boolean, default True

## use\_recent\_searches

Sort the recently searched items at the top

### TYPE:

boolean, default True

## version

Version of Blender the userpref.blend was saved with

### TYPE:

int array of 3 items in [0, inf], default (0, 0, 0), (readonly)

## view

Preferences related to viewing data

**TYPE:**

`PreferencesView`, (readonly, never None)

**classmethod** `bl_ma_get_subclass(id, default=None)`

**PARAMETERS:**

**id** (*str*) – The RNA type identifier.

**RETURNS:**

The RNA type or default when not found.

**RETURN TYPE:**

`bpy.types.Struct` subclass

**classmethod** `bl_ma_get_subclass_py(id, default=None)`

**PARAMETERS:**

**id** (*str*) – The RNA type identifier.

**RETURNS:**

The class or default when not found.

**RETURN TYPE:**

type

## Inherited Properties

- `bpy_struct.id_data`

## Inherited Functions

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| • <code>bpy_struct.as_pointer</code>                      | • <code>bpy_struct.items</code>                            |
| • <code>bpy_struct.driver_add</code>                      | • <code>bpy_struct.keyframe_delete</code>                  |
| • <code>bpy_struct.driver_remove</code>                   | • <code>bpy_struct.keyframe_insert</code>                  |
| • <code>bpy_struct.get</code>                             | • <code>bpy_struct.keys</code>                             |
| • <code>bpy_struct.id_properties_clear</code>             | • <code>bpy_struct.path_from_id</code>                     |
| • <code>bpy_struct.id_properties_ensure</code>            | • <code>bpy_struct.path_resolve</code>                     |
| • <code>bpy_struct.id_properties_ui</code>                | • <code>bpy_struct.pop</code>                              |
| • <code>bpy_struct.is_property_hidden</code>              | • <code>bpy_struct.property_overridable_library_set</code> |
| • <code>bpy_struct.is_property_overridable_library</code> | • <code>bpy_struct.property_unset</code>                   |
| • <code>bpy_struct.is_property_readonly</code>            | • <code>bpy_struct.type_recast</code>                      |
| • <code>bpy_struct.is_property_set</code>                 | • <code>bpy_struct.values</code>                           |

## References

- `Context.preferences`