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# Curve(ID)

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## class bpy.types.Curve(ID)

Curve data-block storing curves, splines and NURBS

### animation\_data

Animation data for this data-block

#### TYPE:

[AnimData](#), (readonly)

### bevel\_depth

Radius of the bevel geometry, not including extrusion

#### TYPE:

float in  $[-\text{inf}, \text{inf}]$ , default 0.0

### bevel\_factor\_end

Define where along the spline the curve geometry ends (0 for the beginning, 1 for the end)

#### TYPE:

float in  $[0, 1]$ , default 1.0

### bevel\_factor\_mapping\_end

Determine how the geometry end factor is mapped to a spline

- `RESOLUTION` Resolution – Map the geometry factor to the number of subdivisions of a spline (U resolution).
- `SEGMENTS` Segments – Map the geometry factor to the length of a segment and to the number of subdivisions of a segment.
- `SPLINE` Spline – Map the geometry factor to the length of a spline.

#### TYPE:

enum in  $['\text{RESOLUTION}', '\text{SEGMENTS}', '\text{SPLINE}']$ , default `'RESOLUTION'`

### bevel\_factor\_mapping\_start

Determine how the geometry start factor is mapped to a spline

- `RESOLUTION` Resolution – Map the geometry factor to the number of subdivisions of a spline (U resolution).
- `SEGMENTS` Segments – Map the geometry factor to the length of a segment and to the number of subdivisions of a segment.
- `SPLINE` Spline – Map the geometry factor to the length of a spline.

#### TYPE:

enum in  $['\text{RESOLUTION}', '\text{SEGMENTS}', '\text{SPLINE}']$ , default `'RESOLUTION'`

### bevel\_factor\_start

Define where along the spline the curve geometry starts (0 for the beginning, 1 for the end)

#### TYPE:

float in  $[0, 1]$ , default 0.0

### bevel\_mode

Determine how to build the curve's bevel geometry

- `ROUND` Round – Use circle for the section of the curve's bevel geometry

• **ROUND** **Round** – Use circle for the section of the curve's bevel geometry.

• **OBJECT** **Object** – Use an object for the section of the curve's bevel geometry segment.

• **PROFILE** **Profile** – Use a custom profile for each quarter of curve's bevel geometry.

**TYPE:**

enum in ['ROUND', 'OBJECT', 'PROFILE'], default 'ROUND'

**bevel\_object**

The name of the Curve object that defines the bevel shape

**TYPE:**

Object

**bevel\_profile**

The path for the curve's custom profile

**TYPE:**

CurveProfile, (readonly)

**bevel\_resolution**

The number of segments in each quarter-circle of the bevel

**TYPE:**

int in [0, 32], default 4

**cycles**

Cycles mesh settings

**TYPE:**

CyclesMeshSettings, (readonly)

**dimensions**

Select 2D or 3D curve type

• **2D** **2D** – Clamp the Z axis of the curve.

• **3D** **3D** – Allow editing on the Z axis of this curve, also allows tilt and curve radius to be used.

**TYPE:**

enum in ['2D', '3D'], default '2D'

**eval\_time**

Parametric position along the length of the curve that Objects 'following' it should be at (position is evaluated by dividing by the 'Path Length' value)

**TYPE:**

float in [-inf, inf], default 0.0

**extrude**

Length of the depth added in the local Z direction along the curve, perpendicular to its normals

**TYPE:**

float in [0, inf], default 0.0

**fill\_mode**

Mode of filling curve

**TYPE:**

enum in ['FULL', 'BACK', 'FRONT', 'HALF'], default 'FULL'

### **is\_editmode**

True when used in editmode

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False, (readonly)

### **materials**

#### **TYPE:**

`IDMaterials bpy_prop_collection` of `Material`, (readonly)

### **offset**

Distance to move the curve parallel to its normals

#### **TYPE:**

float in  $[-\infty, \infty]$ , default 0.0

### **path\_duration**

The number of frames that are needed to traverse the path, defining the maximum value for the 'Evaluation Time' setting

#### **TYPE:**

int in  $[1, 1048574]$ , default 100

### **render\_resolution\_u**

Surface resolution in U direction used while rendering (zero uses preview resolution)

#### **TYPE:**

int in  $[0, 1024]$ , default 0

### **render\_resolution\_v**

Surface resolution in V direction used while rendering (zero uses preview resolution)

#### **TYPE:**

int in  $[0, 1024]$ , default 0

### **resolution\_u**

Number of computed points in the U direction between every pair of control points

#### **TYPE:**

int in  $[1, 1024]$ , default 12

### **resolution\_v**

The number of computed points in the V direction between every pair of control points

#### **TYPE:**

int in  $[1, 1024]$ , default 12

### **shape\_keys**

#### **TYPE:**

`Key`, (readonly)

### **splines**

Collection of splines in this curve data object

#### **TYPE:**

`Curvesplines bpy_prop_collection` of `Spline`, (readonly)

### **taper\_object**

Curve object name that defines the taper (width)

**TYPE:**

`Object`

**taper\_radius\_mode**

Determine how the effective radius of the spline point is computed when a taper object is specified

- `OVERRIDE` Override – Override the radius of the spline point with the taper radius.
- `MULTIPLY` Multiply – Multiply the radius of the spline point by the taper radius.
- `ADD` Add – Add the radius of the bevel point to the taper radius.

**TYPE:**

enum in ['OVERRIDE', 'MULTIPLY', 'ADD'], default 'OVERRIDE'

**texspace\_location**

**TYPE:**

`mathutils.Vector` of 3 items in [-inf, inf], default (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)

**texspace\_size**

**TYPE:**

`mathutils.Vector` of 3 items in [-inf, inf], default (1.0, 1.0, 1.0)

**twist\_mode**

The type of tilt calculation for 3D Curves

- `Z_UP` Z-Up – Use Z-Up axis to calculate the curve twist at each point.
- `MINIMUM` Minimum – Use the least twist over the entire curve.
- `TANGENT` Tangent – Use the tangent to calculate twist.

**TYPE:**

enum in ['Z\_UP', 'MINIMUM', 'TANGENT'], default 'MINIMUM'

**twist\_smooth**

Smoothing iteration for tangents

**TYPE:**

float in [-inf, inf], default 0.0

**use\_auto\_texspace**

Adjust active object's texture space automatically when transforming object

**TYPE:**

boolean, default True

**use\_deform\_bounds**

Option for curve-deform: Use the mesh bounds to clamp the deformation

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

**use\_fill\_caps**

Fill caps for beveled curves

**TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **use\_map\_taper**

Map effect of the taper object to the beveled part of the curve

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **use\_path**

Enable the curve to become a translation path

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **use\_path\_clamp**

Clamp the curve path children so they can't travel past the start/end point of the curve

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **use\_path\_follow**

Make curve path children rotate along the path

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **use\_radius**

Option for paths and curve-deform: apply the curve radius to objects following it and to deformed objects

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default True

### **use\_stretch**

Option for curve-deform: make deformed child stretch along entire path

#### **TYPE:**

boolean, default False

### **transform(matrix, \*, shape\_keys=False)**

Transform curve by a matrix

#### **PARAMETERS:**

- **matrix** (`mathutils.Matrix` of 4 \* 4 items in `[-inf, inf]`) – Matrix
- **shape\_keys** (*boolean, (optional)*) – Transform Shape Keys

### **validate\_material\_indices()**

Validate material indices of splines or letters, return True when the curve has had invalid indices corrected (to default 0)

#### **RETURNS:**

Result

#### **RETURN TYPE:**

boolean

### **update\_gpu\_tag()**

update\_gpu\_tag

### **classmethod bl\_rna\_get\_subclass(id, default=None)**

#### **PARAMETERS:**

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

`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`
- `ID.name`
- `ID.name_full`
- `ID.id_type`
- `ID.session_uid`
- `ID.is_evaluated`
- `ID.original`
- `ID.users`
- `ID.use_fake_user`
- `ID.use_extra_user`
- `ID.is_embedded_data`
- `ID.is_missing`
- `ID.is_runtime_data`
- `ID.is_editable`
- `ID.tag`
- `ID.is_library_indirect`
- `ID.library`
- `ID.library_weak_reference`
- `ID.asset_data`
- `ID.override_library`
- `ID.preview`

## Inherited Functions

- `bpy_struct.as_pointer`
- `bpy_struct.driver_add`
- `bpy_struct.driver_remove`
- `bpy_struct.get`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_clear`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_ensure`
- `bpy_struct.id_properties_ui`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_hidden`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_overridable_library`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_readonly`
- `bpy_struct.is_property_set`
- `bpy_struct.items`
- `bpy_struct.keyframe_delete`
- `bpy_struct.keyframe_insert`
- `bpy_struct.keys`
- `bpy_struct.path_from_id`
- `bpy_struct.path_resolve`
- `bpy_struct.type_recast`
- `bpy_struct.values`
- `ID.rename`
- `ID.evaluated_get`
- `ID.copy`
- `ID.asset_mark`
- `ID.asset_clear`
- `ID.asset_generate_preview`
- `ID.override_create`
- `ID.override_hierarchy_create`
- `ID.user_clear`
- `ID.user_remap`
- `ID.make_local`
- `ID.user_of_id`
- `ID.animation_data_create`
- `ID.animation_data_clear`
- `ID.update_tag`

- [bpy\\_struct.pop](#)
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- [bpy\\_struct.property\\_unset](#)
- [ID.preview\\_ensure](#)
- [ID.bl\\_rna\\_get\\_subclass](#)
- [ID.bl\\_rna\\_get\\_subclass\\_py](#)

## References

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