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## WP\_Admin\_Bar::add\_group( array \$args )

Adds a group to a toolbar menu node.

### Description

Groups can be used to organize toolbar items into distinct sections of a toolbar menu.

### Parameters

**\$args**`array`required

Array of arguments for adding a group.

**id** `string`

ID of the item.

**parent** `string`

Optional. ID of the parent node. Default `'root'`.

**meta** `array`

Meta data for the group including the following keys: `'class'`, `'onclick'`, `'target'`, and `'title'`.

### More Information

- Toolbar items are also called “nodes”. Nodes can be parents for other nodes, which creates dropdown menus. When adding a group you’re actually adding a group node. Group nodes are not visible in the Toolbar, but nodes added to it are.
- This function is a method of the [WP\\_Admin\\_Bar](#) class and `$wp_admin_bar` global object, which may not exist except during the `'admin_bar_menu'` or `'wp_before_admin_bar_render'` hooks.
- The Toolbar replaces the Admin Bar since WordPress Version 3.3.

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```
final public function add_group( $args ) {  
    $args['group'] = true;  
  
    $this->add_node( $args );  
}
```

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Changelog

Version	Description
<a href="#">3.3.0</a>	Introduced.

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Adding a group to a parent node

This example adds a parent node, child nodes and a group to the toolbar.

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```
add_action( 'admin_bar_menu', 'add_nodes_and_groups_to_toolbar', 999 );

function add_nodes_and_groups_to_toolbar( $wp_admin_bar ) {

    // add a parent item
    $args = array(
        'id'      => 'parent_node',
        'title'   => 'parent node'
    );
    $wp_admin_bar->add_node( $args );

    // add a child item to our parent item
    $args = array(
        'parent'  => 'parent_node',
        'id'      => 'child_node',
        'title'   => 'child node'
    );
    $wp_admin_bar->add_node( $args );

    // add a group to our parent node
    $wp_admin_bar->add_group( 'parent_node' );
}
```

The output from this example in the toolbar will be:

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```
* parent node
** child node
** another child node
** first group node
```

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