

## tf.expand\_dims

```
expand_dims(  
    input,  
    axis=None,  
    name=None,  
    dim=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/array\\_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Tensor Transformations > Shapes and Shaping](#)

Inserts a dimension of 1 into a tensor's shape.

Given a tensor `input`, this operation inserts a dimension of 1 at the dimension index `axis` of `input`'s shape. The dimension index `axis` starts at zero; if you specify a negative number for `axis` it is counted backward from the end.

This operation is useful if you want to add a batch dimension to a single element. For example, if you have a single image of shape `[height, width, channels]`, you can make it a batch of 1 image with `expand_dims(image, 0)`, which will make the shape `[1, height, width, channels]`.

Other examples:

```
# 't' is a tensor of shape [2]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t, 0)) # [1, 2]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t, 1)) # [2, 1]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t, -1)) # [2, 1]  
  
# 't2' is a tensor of shape [2, 3, 5]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t2, 0)) # [1, 2, 3, 5]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t2, 2)) # [2, 3, 1, 5]  
tf.shape(tf.expand_dims(t2, 3)) # [2, 3, 5, 1]
```

This operation requires that:

```
-1-input.dims() <= dim <= input.dims()
```

This operation is related to `squeeze()`, which removes dimensions of size 1.

Args:

- `input`: A **Tensor**.
- `axis`: 0-D (scalar). Specifies the dimension index at which to expand the shape of `input`. Must be in the range `[-rank(input) - 1, rank(input)]`.
- `name`: The name of the output **Tensor**.
- `dim`: 0-D (scalar). Equivalent to `axis`, to be deprecated.

Returns:

A **Tensor** with the same data as `input`, but its shape has an additional dimension of size 1 added.

## Raises:

- `ValueError` : if both `dim` and `axis` are specified.

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