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# DeepDiff Documentation

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**DeepDiff:** Deep Difference of dictionaries, iterables, strings and other objects. It will recursively look for all the changes.

**DeepSearch:** Search for objects within other objects.

**DeepHash:** Hash any object based on their content even if they are not “hashable”.

DeepDiff works with Python 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, Pypy3

NOTE: Python 2 is not supported any more. DeepDiff v3.3.0 was the last version to support Python 2.



## INSTALLATION

Install from PyPi:

```
pip install deepdiff
```

DeepDiff prefers to use Murmur3 for hashing. However you have to manually install Murmur3 by running:

```
pip install 'deepdiff[murmur]'
```

Otherwise DeepDiff will be using SHA256 for hashing which is a cryptographic hash and is considerably slower.

If you are running into trouble installing Murmur3, please take a look at the [Troubleshoot](#)

### 1.1 Importing

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff # For Deep Difference of 2 objects
>>> from deepdiff import grep, DeepSearch # For finding if item exists in an object
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash # For hashing objects based on their contents
```





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Read The DeepDiff details in:

[DeepSearch](#)

Short introduction

## 2.1 Supported data types

int, string, dictionary, list, tuple, set, frozenset, OrderedDict, NamedTuple and custom objects!

## 2.2 Ignore Order

Sometimes you don't care about the order of objects when comparing them. In those cases, you can set `ignore_order=True`. However this flag won't report the repetitions to you. You need to additionally enable `report_repetition=True` for getting a report of repetitions.

### 2.2.1 List difference ignoring order or duplicates

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 3, 2, 3]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=True)
>>> print (ddiff)
{}
```

## 2.3 Exclude types or paths

### 2.3.1 Exclude certain types from comparison

```
>>> l1 = logging.getLogger("test")
>>> l2 = logging.getLogger("test2")
>>> t1 = {"log": l1, 2: 1337}
>>> t2 = {"log": l2, 2: 1337}
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_types={logging.Logger}))
{}
```

## 2.4 Significant Digits

Digits **after** the decimal point. Internally it uses “{:.Xf}”.format(Your Number) to compare numbers where X=significant\_digits

```
>>> t1 = Decimal('1.52')
>>> t2 = Decimal('1.57')
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=0)
{}
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=1)
{'values_changed': {'root': {'old_value': Decimal('1.52'), 'new_value': Decimal('1.57')}}
↪ }
```

## 2.5 Serialization

### Serialize to json

```
>>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3}
>>> t2 = {1: 1, 2: "2", 3: 3}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> jsoned = ddiff.to_json()
>>> jsoned
'{"type_changes": {"root[2]": {"new_type": "str", "new_value": "2", "old_type": "int",
↪ "old_value": 2}}}'
```

And many more features! Read more in  
[DeepSearch](#)

## DEEP SEARCH

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Deep Search inside objects to find the item matching your criteria.

Note that it searches for either the path to match your criteria or the word in an item.

### Examples

Importing

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepSearch, grep
>>> from pprint import pprint
```

DeepSearch comes with grep function which is easier to remember!

Search in list for string

```
>>> obj = ["long somewhere", "string", 0, "somewhere great!"]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = obj | grep(item, verbose_level=2)
>>> pprint(ds)
{'matched_values': {'root[3]': 'somewhere great!', 'root[0]': 'long somewhere'}}
```

Search in nested data for string

```
>>> obj = ["something somewhere", {"long": "somewhere", "string": 2, 0: 0, "somewhere":
↳ "around"}]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = obj | grep(item, verbose_level=2)
>>> pprint(ds, indent=2)
{ 'matched_paths': {"root[1]['somewhere']": 'around'},
  'matched_values': { 'root[0]': 'something somewhere',
                      "root[1]['long']": 'somewhere'}}
```

Read more in the Deep Search references:

[DeepSearch](#)



## DEEP HASH

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DeepHash calculates the hash of objects based on their contents in a deterministic way. This way 2 objects with the same content should have the same hash.

The main usage of DeepHash is to calculate the hash of otherwise unhashable objects. For example you can use DeepHash to calculate the hash of a set or a dictionary!

The core of DeepHash is a deterministic serialization of your object into a string so it can be passed to a hash function. By default it uses Murmur 3 128 bit hash function. but you can pass another hash function to it if you want.

Read the details at:

[DeepHash](#)

Examples:

Let's say you have a dictionary object.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>>
>>> obj = {1: 2, 'a': 'b'}
```

If you try to hash it:

```
>>> hash(obj)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: unhashable type: 'dict'
```

But with DeepHash:

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>> obj = {1: 2, 'a': 'b'}
>>> DeepHash(obj)
{1: 2468916477072481777512283587789292749, 2: -35787773492556653776377555218122431491, ..
↪ .}
```

So what is exactly the hash of obj in this case? DeepHash is calculating the hash of the obj and any other object that obj contains. The output of DeepHash is a dictionary of object IDs to their hashes. In order to get the hash of obj itself, you need to use the object (or the id of object) to get its hash:

```
>>> hashes = DeepHash(obj)
>>> hashes[obj]
34150898645750099477987229399128149852
```

Read more in the Deep Hash reference:

[DeepHash](#)

## TROUBLESHOOT

### 5.1 Murmur3

*Failed to build mmh3 when installing DeepDiff*

DeepDiff prefers to use Murmur3 for hashing. However you have to manually install murmur3 by running: *pip install mmh3*

On MacOS Mojave some user experience difficulty when installing Murmur3.

The problem can be solved by running:

*xcode-select --install*

And then running

*pip install mmh3*





## REFERENCES

*DeepDiff OLD 4.0.7 documentation!*

### 6.1 DeepDiff Reference

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```
class deepdiff.diff.DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=False, report_repetition=False, significant_digits=None,
                             number_format_notation='f', exclude_paths=None,
                             exclude_regex_paths=None, exclude_types=None,
                             ignore_type_in_groups=None, ignore_string_type_changes=False,
                             ignore_numeric_type_changes=False, ignore_type_subclasses=False,
                             ignore_string_case=False, number_to_string_func=None, verbose_level=1,
                             view='text', hasher=None, **kwargs)
```

#### DeepDiff

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What you see here are the old documentations.

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Deep Difference of dictionaries, iterables, strings and almost any other object. It will recursively look for all the changes.

DeepDiff 3.0 added the concept of views. There is a default “text” view and a “tree” view.

#### Parameters

**t1** [A dictionary, list, string or any python object that has `__dict__` or `__slots__`] This is the first item to be compared to the second item

**t2** [dictionary, list, string or almost any python object that has `__dict__` or `__slots__`] The second item is to be compared to the first one

**ignore\_order** [Boolean, default=False] ignores orders for iterables Note that if you have iterables containing any unhashable, ignoring order can be expensive. Normally `ignore_order` does not report duplicates and repetition changes. In order to report repetitions, set `report_repetition=True` in addition to `ignore_order=True`

**report\_repetition** [Boolean, default=False] reports repetitions when set True ONLY when `ignore_order` is set True too. This works for iterables. This feature currently is experimental and is not production ready.

**significant\_digits** [int >= 0, default=None] By default the significant\_digits compares only that many digits AFTER the decimal point. However you can set override that by setting the number\_format\_notation="e" which will make it mean the digits in scientific notation.

Important: This will affect ANY number comparison when it is set.

Note: If ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes is set to True and you have left significant\_digits to the default of None, it gets automatically set to 55. The reason is that normally when numbers from 2 different types are compared, instead of comparing the values, we only report the type change. However when ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes=True, in order compare numbers from different types to each other, we need to convert them all into strings. The significant\_digits will be used to make sure we accurately convert all the numbers into strings in order to report the changes between them.

Internally it uses "{:.Xf}".format(Your Number) to compare numbers where X=significant\_digits when the number\_format\_notation is left as the default of "f" meaning fixed point.

Note that "{:.3f}".format(1.1135) = 1.113, but "{:.3f}".format(1.11351) = 1.114

For Decimals, Python's format rounds 2.5 to 2 and 3.5 to 4 (to the closest even number)

When you set the number\_format\_notation="e", we use "{:.Xe}".format(Your Number) where X=significant\_digits.

**number\_format\_notation** [string, default="f"] number\_format\_notation is what defines the meaning of significant digits. The default value of "f" means the digits AFTER the decimal point. "f" stands for fixed point. The other option is "e" which stands for exponent notation or scientific notation.

**number\_to\_string\_func** [function, default=None] This is an advanced feature to give the user the full control into overriding how numbers are converted to strings for comparison. The default function is defined in <https://github.com/seperman/deepdiff/blob/master/deepdiff/helper.py> and is called number\_to\_string. You can define your own function to do that.

**verbose\_level: int >= 0, default = 1** Higher verbose level shows you more details. For example verbose level 1 shows what dictionary item are added or removed. And verbose level 2 shows the value of the items that are added or removed too.

**exclude\_paths: list, default = None** List of paths to exclude from the report. If only one item, you can path it as a string.

**exclude\_regex\_paths: list, default = None** List of string regex paths or compiled regex paths objects to exclude from the report. If only one item, you can pass it as a string or regex compiled object.

**hasher: default = DeepHash.murmur3\_128bit** Hash function to be used. If you don't want Murmur3, you can use Python's built-in hash function by passing hasher=hash. This is for advanced usage and normally you don't need to modify it.

**view: string, default = text** Starting the version 3 you can choose the view into the deepdiff results. The default is the text view which has been the only view up until now. The new view is called the tree view which allows you to traverse through the tree of changed items.

**exclude\_types: list, default = None** List of object types to exclude from the report.

**ignore\_string\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = False** Whether to ignore string type changes or not. For example b"Hello" vs. "Hello" are considered the same if ignore\_string\_type\_changes is set to True.

**ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = False** Whether to ignore numeric type changes or not. For example 10 vs. 10.0 are considered the same if ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes is set to True.

**ignore\_type\_in\_groups: Tuple or List of Tuples, default = None** ignores types when t1 and t2 are both within the same type group.

**ignore\_type\_subclasses: Boolean, default = False** ignore type (class) changes when dealing with the sub-classes of classes that were marked to be ignored.

**ignore\_string\_case:** Boolean, default = False Whether to be case-sensitive or not when comparing strings. By settings ignore\_string\_case=False, strings will be compared case-insensitively.

### Returns

A DeepDiff object that has already calculated the difference of the 2 items.

### Supported data types

int, string, unicode, dictionary, list, tuple, set, frozenset, OrderedDict, NamedTuple and custom objects!

### Text View

Text view is the original and currently the default view of DeepDiff.

It is called text view because the results contain texts that represent the path to the data:

### Example of using the text view.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> t1 = {1:1, 3:3, 4:4}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 3:3, 5:5, 6:6}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> print(ddiff)
{'dictionary_item_added': [root[5], root[6]], 'dictionary_item_removed':
↳[root[4]]}
```

So for example ddiff['dictionary\_item\_added'] is a set of strings thus this is called the text view.

### See also:

The following examples are using the *default text view*. The Tree View is introduced in DeepDiff v3 and provides traversing capabilities through your diffed data and more! Read more about the Tree View at the bottom of this page.

### Importing

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> from pprint import pprint
```

### Same object returns empty

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
>>> t2 = t1
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2))
{}
```

### Type of an item has changed

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:"2", 3:3}
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2), indent=2)
{ 'type_changes': { 'root[2]': { 'new_type': <class 'str'>,
                                'new_value': '2',
                                'old_type': <class 'int'>,
                                'old_value': 2}}}
```

### Value of an item has changed

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:4, 3:3}
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2, verbose_level=0), indent=2)
{'values_changed': {'root[2]': {'new_value': 4, 'old_value': 2}}}
```

#### Item added and/or removed

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 3:3, 4:4}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 3:3, 5:5, 6:6}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint (ddiff)
{'dictionary_item_added': [root[5], root[6]],
 'dictionary_item_removed': [root[4]]}
```

#### Set verbose level to 2 in order to see the added or removed items with their values

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 3:3, 4:4}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 3:3, 5:5, 6:6}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, verbose_level=2)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{ 'dictionary_item_added': {'root[5]': 5, 'root[6]': 6},
  'dictionary_item_removed': {'root[4]': 4}}
```

#### String difference

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":"world"}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:4, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":"world!"}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint (ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'values_changed': { 'root[2]': {'new_value': 4, 'old_value': 2},
                      'root[4]['b']': { 'new_value': 'world!',
                                         'old_value': 'world'}}}}
```

#### String difference 2

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":"world!\nGoodbye!\n1\n2\nEnd"}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":"world\n1\n2\nEnd"}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint (ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'values_changed': { "root[4]['b']": { 'diff': '--- \n'
                                           '+++ \n'
                                           '@@ -1,5 +1,4 @@\n'
                                           '-world!\n'
                                           '-Goodbye!\n'
                                           '+world\n'
                                           ' 1\n'
                                           ' 2\n'
                                           ' End',
                                           'new_value': 'world\n1\n2\nEnd',
                                           'old_value': 'world!\n'
                                           'Goodbye!\n'
                                           '1\n'
                                           '2\n'
                                           'End'}}}}
```

```
>>>
>>> print (ddiff['values_changed']["root[4]['b']"] ["diff"])
---
+++
@@ -1,5 +1,4 @@
-world!
-Goodbye!
+world
 1
 2
End
```

**List difference**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3, 4]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint (ddiff, indent = 2)
{'iterable_item_removed': {"root[4]['b']": 2, "root[4]['b']": 3, "root[4]['b']": 4}}
```

**List difference 2:**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 3, 2, 3]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint (ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'iterable_item_added': {"root[4]['b']": 3},
  'values_changed': { "root[4]['b']": {"new_value": 3, 'old_value': 2},
                      "root[4]['b']": {"new_value": 2, 'old_value': 3}}}
```

**List difference ignoring order or duplicates: (with the same dictionaries as above)**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 3, 2, 3]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=True)
>>> print (ddiff)
{}
```

**List difference ignoring order but reporting repetitions:**

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> from pprint import pprint
>>> t1 = [1, 3, 1, 4]
>>> t2 = [4, 4, 1]
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=True, report_repetition=True)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{ 'iterable_item_removed': {'root[1]': 3},
  'repetition_change': { 'root[0]': { 'new_indexes': [2],
                                      'new_repeat': 1,
                                      'old_indexes': [0, 2],
                                      'old_repeat': 2,
                                      'value': 1},
                        'root[3]': { 'new_indexes': [0, 1],
```

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```
'new_repeat': 2,
'old_indexes': [3],
'old_repeat': 1,
'value': 4}}
```

**List that contains dictionary:**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, {1:1, 2:2}]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, {1:3}]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'dictionary_item_removed': [root[4]['b'][2][2]],
  'values_changed': {"root[4]['b'][2][1]": {'new_value': 3, 'old_value': 1}}}
```

**Sets:**

```
>>> t1 = {1, 2, 8}
>>> t2 = {1, 2, 3, 5}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint(ddiff)
{'set_item_added': [root[3], root[5]], 'set_item_removed': [root[8]]}
```

**Named Tuples:**

```
>>> from collections import namedtuple
>>> Point = namedtuple('Point', ['x', 'y'])
>>> t1 = Point(x=11, y=22)
>>> t2 = Point(x=11, y=23)
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2))
{'values_changed': {'root.y': {'new_value': 23, 'old_value': 22}}}
```

**Custom objects:**

```
>>> class ClassA(object):
...     a = 1
...     def __init__(self, b):
...         self.b = b
...
>>> t1 = ClassA(1)
>>> t2 = ClassA(2)
>>>
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2))
{'values_changed': {'root.b': {'new_value': 2, 'old_value': 1}}}
```

**Object attribute added:**

```
>>> t2.c = "new attribute"
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2))
{'attribute_added': [root.c],
 'values_changed': {'root.b': {'new_value': 2, 'old_value': 1}}}
```

**Approximate decimals comparison (Significant digits after the point):**

```
>>> t1 = Decimal('1.52')
>>> t2 = Decimal('1.57')
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=0)
{}
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=1)
{'values_changed': {'root': {'new_value': Decimal('1.57'), 'old_value': Decimal(
↪ '1.52')}}}}
```

#### Approximate float comparison (Significant digits after the point):

```
>>> t1 = [ 1.1129, 1.3359 ]
>>> t2 = [ 1.113, 1.3362 ]
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=3))
{}
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2))
{'values_changed': {'root[0]': {'new_value': 1.113, 'old_value': 1.1129},
                     'root[1]': {'new_value': 1.3362, 'old_value': 1.3359}}}
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(1.23*10**20, 1.24*10**20, significant_digits=1))
{'values_changed': {'root': {'new_value': 1.24e+20, 'old_value': 1.23e+20}}}
```

#### Approximate number comparison (significant\_digits after the decimal point in scientific notation)

```
>>> DeepDiff(1024, 1020, significant_digits=2, number_format_notation="f") #↪
↪ default is "f"
{'values_changed': {'root': {'new_value': 1020, 'old_value': 1024}}}
>>> DeepDiff(1024, 1020, significant_digits=2, number_format_notation="e")
{}

```

**Defining your own number\_to\_string\_func** Lets say you want the numbers comparison happen only for numbers above 100 for some reason.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> from deepdiff.helper import number_to_string
>>> def custom_number_to_string(number, *args, **kwargs):
...     number = 100 if number < 100 else number
...     return number_to_string(number, *args, **kwargs)
...
>>> t1 = [10, 12, 100000]
>>> t2 = [50, 63, 100021]
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e")
{'values_changed': {'root[0]': {'new_value': 50, 'old_value': 10}, 'root[1]': {
↪ 'new_value': 63, 'old_value': 12}}}
>>>
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e",
...          number_to_string_func=custom_number_to_string)
{}

```

**Note:** All the examples for the text view work for the tree view too. You just need to set `view='tree'` to get it in tree form.

## Ignore Type Changes

### Type change

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":"world\n\n\nEnd"}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'type_changes': { "root[4]['b']": { 'new_type': <class 'str'>,
                                     'new_value': 'world\n\n\nEnd',
                                     'old_type': <class 'list'>,
                                     'old_value': [1, 2, 3]}}}
```

And if you don't care about the value of items that have changed type, please set verbose level to 0

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:"2", 3:3}
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2, verbose_level=0), indent=2)
{ 'type_changes': { 'root[2]': { 'new_type': <class 'str'>,
                                'old_type': <class 'int'>}}}
```

Exclude types

Exclude certain types from comparison:

```
>>> l1 = logging.getLogger("test")
>>> l2 = logging.getLogger("test2")
>>> t1 = {"log": l1, 2: 1337}
>>> t2 = {"log": l2, 2: 1337}
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_types={logging.Logger}))
{}
```

**ignore\_type\_in\_groups** Ignore type changes between members of groups of types. For example if you want to ignore type changes between float and decimals etc. Note that this is a more granular feature. Most of the times the shortcuts provided to you are enough. The shortcuts are `ignore_string_type_changes` which by default is False and `ignore_numeric_type_changes` which is by default False. You can read more about those shortcuts in this page. `ignore_type_in_groups` gives you more control compared to the shortcuts.

For example lets say you have specifically str and byte datatypes to be ignored for type changes. Then you have a couple of options:

1. Set `ignore_string_type_changes=True`.
2. Or set `ignore_type_in_groups=[(str, bytes)]`. Here you are saying if we detect one type to be str and the other one bytes, do not report them as type change. It is exactly as passing `ignore_type_in_groups=[DeepDiff.strings]` or `ignore_type_in_groups=DeepDiff.strings`.

Now what if you want also typeA and typeB to be ignored when comparing against each other?

1. `ignore_type_in_groups=[DeepDiff.strings, (typeA, typeB)]`
2. or `ignore_type_in_groups=[(str, bytes), (typeA, typeB)]`

**ignore\_string\_type\_changes Default: False**

```
>>> DeepDiff(b'hello', 'hello', ignore_string_type_changes=True)
{}
>>> DeepDiff(b'hello', 'hello')
{ 'type_changes': { 'root': { 'old_type': <class 'bytes'>, 'new_type': <class 'str'>,
                             'old_value': b'hello', 'new_value': 'hello'}}
```



**ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes Default: False** Ignore Type Number - Dictionary that contains float and integer

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff >>> from pprint import pprint >>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2.22} >>> t2 = {1: 1.0, 2: 2.22} >>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2) >>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{'type_changes': {'root[1]': {'new_type': <class 'float'>,
                              'new_value': 1.0,
                              'old_type': <class 'int'>,
                              'old_value': 1}}}}
```

```
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_type_in_groups=DeepDiff.numbers)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{}
```

**Ignore Type Number - List that contains float and integer**

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> from pprint import pprint
>>> t1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> t2 = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{'type_changes': {'root[0]': {'new_type': <class 'float'>,
                              'new_value': 1.0,
                              'old_type': <class 'int'>,
                              'old_value': 1},
                  'root[1]': {'new_type': <class 'float'>,
                              'new_value': 2.0,
                              'old_type': <class 'int'>,
                              'old_value': 2},
                  'root[2]': {'new_type': <class 'float'>,
                              'new_value': 3.0,
                              'old_type': <class 'int'>,
                              'old_value': 3}}}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_type_in_groups=DeepDiff.numbers)
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{}
```

You can pass a list of tuples or list of lists if you have various type groups. When t1 and t2 both fall under one of these type groups, the type change will be ignored. DeepDiff already comes with 2 groups: DeepDiff.strings and DeepDiff.numbers. If you want to pass both: >>> ignore\_type\_in\_groups = [DeepDiff.strings, DeepDiff.numbers]

**ignore\_type\_in\_groups example with custom objects:**

```
>>> class Burrito:
...     bread = 'flour'
...     def __init__(self):
...         self.spicy = True
...
>>>
>>> class Taco:
...     bread = 'flour'
...     def __init__(self):
...         self.spicy = True
...
>>>
>>> burrito = Burrito()
```

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```

>>> taco = Taco()
>>>
>>> burritos = [burrito]
>>> tacos = [taco]
>>>
>>> DeepDiff(burritos, tacos, ignore_type_in_groups=[(Taco, Burrito)], ignore_
↳ order=True)
{}

```

**ignore\_type\_subclasses** Use `ignore_type_subclasses=True` so when ignoring type (class), the subclasses of that class are ignored too.

```

>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> class ClassA:
...     def __init__(self, x, y):
...         self.x = x
...         self.y = y
...
>>> class ClassB:
...     def __init__(self, x):
...         self.x = x
...
>>> class ClassC(ClassB):
...     pass
...
>>> obj_a = ClassA(1, 2)
>>> obj_c = ClassC(3)
>>>
>>> DeepDiff(obj_a, obj_c, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassA, ClassB)], ignore_
↳ type_subclasses=False)
{'type_changes': {'root': {'old_type': <class '__main__.ClassA'>, 'new_type':
↳ <class '__main__.ClassC'>, 'old_value': <__main__.ClassA object at
↳ 0x10076a2e8>, 'new_value': <__main__.ClassC object at 0x10082f630>}}}
>>>
>>> DeepDiff(obj_a, obj_c, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassA, ClassB)], ignore_
↳ type_subclasses=True)
{'values_changed': {'root.x': {'new_value': 3, 'old_value': 1}}, 'attribute_
↳ removed': [root.y]}

```

**ignore\_string\_case** Whether to be case-sensitive or not when comparing strings. By settings `ignore_string_case=False`, strings will be compared case-insensitively.

```

>>> DeepDiff(t1='Hello', t2='heLLo')
{'values_changed': {'root': {'new_value': 'heLLo', 'old_value': 'Hello'}}}
>>> DeepDiff(t1='Hello', t2='heLLo', ignore_string_case=True)
{}

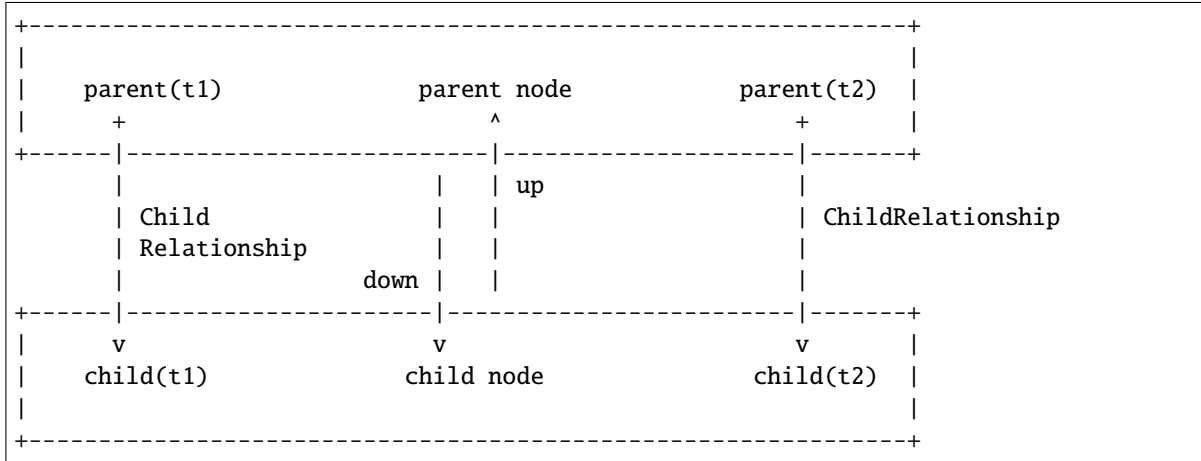
```

## Tree View

Starting the version 3 You can choose the view into the deepdiff results. The tree view provides you with tree objects that you can traverse through to find the parents of the objects that are diffed and the actual objects that are being diffed. This view is very useful when dealing with nested objects. Note that tree view always returns results in the form of Python sets.

You can traverse through the tree elements!

**Note:** The Tree view is just a different representation of the diffed data. Behind the scene, DeepDiff creates the tree view first and then converts it to textual representation for the text view.



**Up** Move up to the parent node

**Down** Move down to the child node

**Path()** Get the path to the current node

**T1** The first item in the current node that is being diffed

**T2** The second item in the current node that is being diffed

**Additional** Additional information about the node i.e. repetition

**Repetition** Shortcut to get the repetition report

The tree view allows you to have more than mere textual representation of the diffed objects. It gives you the actual objects (t1, t2) throughout the tree of parents and children.

### Examples Tree View

**Note:** The Tree View is introduced in DeepDiff 3. Set view='tree' in order to use this view.

#### Value of an item has changed (Tree View)

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> from pprint import pprint
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:4, 3:3}
>>> ddiff_verbose0 = DeepDiff(t1, t2, verbose_level=0, view='tree')
>>> ddiff_verbose0
{'values_changed': [<root[2]>]}
>>>
>>> ddiff_verbose1 = DeepDiff(t1, t2, verbose_level=1, view='tree')
>>> ddiff_verbose1
```

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```
{'values_changed': [<root[2] t1:2, t2:4>]}
>>> set_of_values_changed = ddiff_verbose1['values_changed']
>>> # since set_of_values_changed includes only one item in a set
>>> # in order to get that one item we can:
>>> (changed,) = set_of_values_changed
>>> changed # Another way to get this is to do: changed=list(set_of_values_
↳changed)[0]
<root[2] t1:2, t2:4>
>>> changed.t1
2
>>> changed.t2
4
>>> # You can traverse through the tree, get to the parents!
>>> changed.up
<root t1:{1: 1, 2: 2,...}, t2:{1: 1, 2: 4,...}>
```

**List difference (Tree View)**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, 3, 4]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> ddiff
{'iterable_item_removed': [<root[4]['b'][2] t1:3, t2:not present>, <root[4]['b'
↳'] [3] t1:4, t2:not present>]}
>>> # Note that the iterable_item_removed is a set. In this case it has 2 items.
↳in it.
>>> # One way to get one item from the set is to convert it to a list
>>> # And then get the first item of the list:
>>> removed = list(ddiff['iterable_item_removed'])[0]
>>> removed
<root[4]['b'][2] t1:3, t2:not present>
>>>
>>> parent = removed.up
>>> parent
<root[4]['b'] t1:[1, 2, 3, 4], t2:[1, 2]>
>>> parent.path()
"root[4]['b']"
>>> parent.t1
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> parent.t2
[1, 2]
>>> parent.up
<root[4] t1:{'a': 'hello...'}, t2:{'a': 'hello...'}>
>>> parent.up.up
<root t1:{1: 1, 2: 2,...}, t2:{1: 1, 2: 2,...}>
>>> parent.up.up.t1
{1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: {'a': 'hello', 'b': [1, 2, 3, 4]}}
>>> parent.up.up.t1 == t1 # It is holding the original t1 that we passed to.
↳DeepDiff
True
```

**List difference 2 (Tree View)**

```

>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{ "a": "hello", "b": [1, 2, 3] }}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{ "a": "hello", "b": [1, 3, 2, 3] }}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'iterable_item_added': [<root[4]['b'] [3] t1:not present, t2:3>],
  'values_changed': [<root[4]['b'] [1] t1:2, t2:3>, <root[4]['b'] [2] t1:3, t2:2>
  ↪ ]}
>>>
>>> # Note that iterable_item_added is a set with one item.
>>> # So in order to get that one item from it, we can do:
>>>
>>> (added,) = ddiff['iterable_item_added']
>>> added
<root[4]['b'] [3] t1:not present, t2:3>
>>> added.up.up
<root[4] t1:{'a': 'hello...'}, t2:{'a': 'hello...'}>
>>> added.up.up.path()
'root[4]'
>>> added.up.up.down
<root[4]['b'] t1:[1, 2, 3], t2:[1, 3, 2, 3]>
>>>
>>> # going up twice and then down twice gives you the same node in the tree:
>>> added.up.up.down.down == added
True

```

#### List difference ignoring order but reporting repetitions (Tree View)

```

>>> t1 = [1, 3, 1, 4]
>>> t2 = [4, 4, 1]
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=True, report_repetition=True, view=
  ↪ 'tree')
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{ 'iterable_item_removed': [<root[1] t1:3, t2:not present>],
  'repetition_change': [<root[3] {'repetition': {'old_repeat': 1,...}>,
  ↪ <root[0] {'repetition': {'old_repeat': 2,...}>]}]
>>>
>>> # repetition_change is a set with 2 items.
>>> # in order to get those 2 items, we can do the following.
>>> # or we can convert the set to list and get the list items.
>>> # or we can iterate through the set items
>>>
>>> (repeat1, repeat2) = ddiff['repetition_change']
>>> repeat1 # the default verbosity is set to 1.
<root[3] {'repetition': {'old_repeat': 1,...}>
>>> # The actual data regarding the repetitions can be found in the repetition_
  ↪ attribute:
>>> repeat1.repetition
{'old_repeat': 1, 'new_repeat': 2, 'old_indexes': [3], 'new_indexes': [0, 1]}
>>>
>>> # If you change the verbosity, you will see less:
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, ignore_order=True, report_repetition=True, view=
  ↪ 'tree', verbose_level=0)
>>> ddiff

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```
{'repetition_change': [<root[3]>, <root[0]>], 'iterable_item_removed': [
    ↳<root[1]>]}
>>> (repeat1, repeat2) = ddiff['repetition_change']
>>> repeat1
<root[0]>
>>>
>>> # But the verbosity level does not change the actual report object.
>>> # It only changes the textual representation of the object. We get the
    ↳actual object here:
>>> repeat1.repetition
{'old_repeat': 1, 'new_repeat': 2, 'old_indexes': [3], 'new_indexes': [0, 1]}
>>> repeat1.t1
4
>>> repeat1.t2
4
>>> repeat1.up
<root>
```

**List that contains dictionary (Tree View)**

```
>>> t1 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, {1:1, 2:2}]}}
>>> t2 = {1:1, 2:2, 3:3, 4:{"a":"hello", "b":[1, 2, {1:3}]}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent = 2)
{ 'dictionary_item_removed': [<root[4]['b'][2][2] t1:2, t2:not present>],
  'values_changed': [<root[4]['b'][2][1] t1:1, t2:3>]}
```

**Sets (Tree View):**

```
>>> t1 = {1, 2, 8}
>>> t2 = {1, 2, 3, 5}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> print(ddiff)
{'set_item_removed': [<root: t1:8, t2:not present>], 'set_item_added': [<root:
    ↳t1:not present, t2:3>, <root: t1:not present, t2:5>]}
>>> # grabbing one item from set_item_removed set which has one item only
>>> (item,) = ddiff['set_item_removed']
>>> item.up
<root t1:{8, 1, 2}, t2:{1, 2, 3, 5}>
>>> item.up.t1 == t1
True
```

**Named Tuples (Tree View):**

```
>>> from collections import namedtuple
>>> Point = namedtuple('Point', ['x', 'y'])
>>> t1 = Point(x=11, y=22)
>>> t2 = Point(x=11, y=23)
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree'))
{'values_changed': [<root.y t1:22, t2:23>]}
```

**Custom objects (Tree View):**

```
>>> class ClassA(object):
...     a = 1
...     def __init__(self, b):
...         self.b = b
...
>>> t1 = ClassA(1)
>>> t2 = ClassA(2)
>>>
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree'))
{'values_changed': [<root.b t1:1, t2:2>]}
```

**Object attribute added (Tree View):**

```
>>> t2.c = "new attribute"
>>> pprint(DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree'))
{'attribute_added': [<root.c t1:not present, t2:'new attribute'>],
 'values_changed': [<root.b t1:1, t2:2>]}
```

**Approximate decimals comparison (Significant digits after the point) (Tree View):**

```
>>> t1 = Decimal('1.52')
>>> t2 = Decimal('1.57')
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=0, view='tree')
{}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=1, view='tree')
>>> ddiff
{'values_changed': [<root t1:Decimal('1.52'), t2:Decimal('1.57')>]}
>>> (change1,) = ddiff['values_changed']
>>> change1
<root t1:Decimal('1.52'), t2:Decimal('1.57')>
>>> change1.t1
Decimal('1.52')
>>> change1.t2
Decimal('1.57')
>>> change1.path()
'root'
```

**Approximate float comparison (Significant digits after the point) (Tree View):**

```
>>> t1 = [ 1.1129, 1.3359 ]
>>> t2 = [ 1.113, 1.3362 ]
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, significant_digits=3, view='tree')
>>> ddiff
{}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> pprint(ddiff, indent=2)
{ 'values_changed': [<root[0] t1:1.1129, t2:1.113>, <root[1] t1:1.3359, t2:1.
↪3362>]}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(1.23*10**20, 1.24*10**20, significant_digits=1, view='tree
↪')
>>> ddiff
{'values_changed': [<root t1:1.23e+20, t2:1.24e+20>]}
```

**Exclude paths**

Exclude part of your object tree from comparison use `exclude_paths` and pass a set or list of paths to exclude, if only one item is being passed, then just put it there as a string. No need to pass it as a list then.

```
>>> t1 = {"for life": "vegan", "ingredients": ["no meat", "no eggs", "no dairy"]}
>>> t2 = {"for life": "vegan", "ingredients": ["veggies", "tofu", "soy sauce"]}
>>> print (DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_paths="root['ingredients']")) # one item pass_
↳ it as a string
{}
>>> print (DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_paths=["root['ingredients']", "root[
↳ 'ingredients2']"])) # multiple items pass as a list or a set.
{}

```

You can also exclude using regular expressions by using `exclude_regex_paths` and pass a set or list of path regexes to exclude.

```
>>> import re
>>> t1 = [{'a': 1, 'b': 2}, {'c': 4, 'b': 5}]
>>> t2 = [{'a': 1, 'b': 3}, {'c': 4, 'b': 5}]
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_regex_paths=r"root\[\\d+\\]\['b'\\]"))
{}
>>> exclude_path = re.compile(r"root\[\\d+\\]\['b'\\]")
>>> print(DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_regex_paths=[exclude_path]))
{}

```

#### example 2:

```
>>> t1 = {'a': [1, 2, [3, {'foo1': 'bar'}]]}
>>> t2 = {'a': [1, 2, [3, {'foo2': 'bar'}]]}
>>> DeepDiff(t1, t2, exclude_regex_paths="\[ 'foo.'\\]") # since it is one item_
↳ in exclude_regex_paths, you don't have to put it in a list or a set.
{}

```

Tip: DeepDiff is using `re.search` on the path. So if you want to force it to match from the beginning of the path, add `^` to the beginning of regex.

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**Note:** All the examples for the text view work for the tree view too. You just need to set `view='tree'` to get it in tree form.

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### Serialization

In order to convert the DeepDiff object into a normal Python dictionary, use the `to_dict()` method. Note that `to_dict` will use the text view even if you did the diff in tree view.

#### Example:

```
>>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: {"a": "hello", "b": [1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: {"a": "hello", "b": "world\\n\\n\\nEnd"}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> ddiff.to_dict()
{'type_changes': {'root[4]['b']': {'old_type': <class 'list'>, 'new_type':
↳ <class 'str'>, 'old_value': [1, 2, 3], 'new_value': 'world\\n\\n\\nEnd'}}}

```

In order to do safe json serialization, use the `to_json()` method.



**Example:**

```
>>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: {"a": "hello", "b": [1, 2, 3]}}
>>> t2 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3, 4: {"a": "hello", "b": "world\n\n\nEnd"}}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2, view='tree')
>>> ddiff.to_json()
'{"type_changes": {"root[4][\'b\']': {"old_type": "list", "new_type": "str",
↪ "old_value": [1, 2, 3], "new_value": "world\n\n\nEnd"}}}'
```

**See also:**

Take a look at `to_json()` documentation in this page for more details.

If you want the original DeepDiff object to be serialized with all the bells and whistles, you can use the `to_json_pickle()` and `from_json_pickle()` in order to serialize and deserialize its results into json. Note that `json_pickle` is unsafe and json pickle dumps from untrusted sources should never be loaded.

**Serialize and then deserialize back to deepdiff**

```
>>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2, 3: 3}
>>> t2 = {1: 1, 2: "2", 3: 3}
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> jsoned = ddiff.to_json_pickle()
>>> jsoned
'{"type_changes": {"root[2]': {"new_type": {"py/type": "builtins.str"}, "new_
↪ value": "2", "old_type": {"py/type": "builtins.int"}, "old_value": 2}}}'
>>> ddiff_new = DeepDiff.from_json_pickle(jsoned)
>>> ddiff == ddiff_new
True
```

**Pycon 2016 Talk** I gave a talk about how DeepDiff does what it does at Pycon 2016. [Diff it to Dig it Pycon 2016 video](#)

And here is more info: <http://zepworks.com/blog/diff-it-to-digg-it/>

**classmethod `from_json_pickle(value)`**

Load DeepDiff object with all the bells and whistles from the json pickle dump. Note that json pickle dump comes from `to_json_pickle`

**`to_dict()`**

Dump dictionary of the text view. It does not matter which view you are currently in. It will give you the dictionary of the text view.

**`to_json(default_mapping=None)`**

Dump json of the text view. **Parameters**

`default_mapping` : `default_mapping`, dictionary(optional), a dictionary of mapping of different types to json types.

by default DeepDiff converts certain data types. For example Decimals into floats so they can be exported into json. If you have a certain object type that the json serializer can not serialize it, please pass the appropriate type conversion through this dictionary.

**Example****Serialize custom objects**

```
>>> class A:
...     pass
```

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```
...
>>> class B:
...     pass
...
>>> t1 = A()
>>> t2 = B()
>>> ddiff = DeepDiff(t1, t2)
>>> ddiff.to_json()
TypeError: We do not know how to convert <__main__.A object at 0x10648> of
↳ type <class '__main__.A'> for json serialization. Please pass the default_
↳ mapping parameter with proper mapping of the object to a basic python_
↳ type.
```

```
>>> default_mapping = {A: lambda x: 'obj A', B: lambda x: 'obj B'}
>>> ddiff.to_json(default_mapping=default_mapping)
'{"type_changes": {"root": {"old_type": "A", "new_type": "B", "old_value":
↳ "obj A", "new_value": "obj B"}}}'
```

### **to\_json\_pickle()**

Get the json pickle of the diff object. Unless you need all the attributes and functionality of DeepDiff, running to\_json() is the safer option that json pickle.

Back to *DeepDiff OLD 4.0.7 documentation!*

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## 6.2 DeepSearch Reference

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### **Note:**

Visit [Zepworks.com](https://zepworks.com) for the current documentations.

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```
class deepdiff.search.grep(item, **kwargs)
    Grep
```

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**Note:** DeepDiff documentations are now hosted on [Zepworks.com](https://zepworks.com)

What you see here are the old documentations.

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grep is a new interface for Deep Search. It takes exactly the same arguments. And it works just like grep in shell!

### **Examples**

#### **Importing**

```
>>> from deepdiff import grep
>>> from pprint import pprint
```

#### **Search in list for string**

```
>>> obj = ["long somewhere", "string", 0, "somewhere great!"]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = obj | grep(item)
>>> print(ds)
{'matched_values': {'root[3]': 'root[0]'}}
```

### Search in nested data for string

```
>>> obj = ["something somewhere", {"long": "somewhere", "string": 2, 0: 0,
↳ "somewhere": "around"}]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = obj | grep(item, verbose_level=2)
>>> pprint(ds, indent=2)
{ 'matched_paths': {"root[1]['somewhere']": 'around'},
  'matched_values': { 'root[0]': 'something somewhere',
                      "root[1]['long']": 'somewhere'}}
```

```
class deepdiff.search.DeepSearch(obj, item, exclude_paths={}, exclude_regex_paths={}, exclude_types={},
                                verbose_level=1, case_sensitive=False, match_string=False, **kwargs)
```

### DeepSearch

Deep Search inside objects to find the item matching your criteria.

### Parameters

**obj** : The object to search within

**item** : The item to search for

**verbose\_level** [int >= 0, default = 1.] Verbose level one shows the paths of found items. Verbose level 2 shows the path and value of the found items.

**exclude\_paths**: list, default = None. List of paths to exclude from the report.

**exclude\_types**: list, default = None. List of object types to exclude from the report.

**case\_sensitive**: Boolean, default = False

**match\_string**: Boolean, default = False If True, the value of the object or its children have to exactly match the item. If False, the value of the item can be a part of the value of the object or its children

### Returns

A DeepSearch object that has the matched paths and matched values.

### Supported data types

int, string, unicode, dictionary, list, tuple, set, frozenset, OrderedDict, NamedTuple and custom objects!

### Examples

### Importing

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepSearch
>>> from pprint import pprint
```

### Search in list for string

```
>>> obj = ["long somewhere", "string", 0, "somewhere great!"]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = DeepSearch(obj, item, verbose_level=2)
```

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```
>>> print(ds)
{'matched_values': {'root[3]': 'somewhere great!', 'root[0]': 'long somewhere'}}
```

#### Search in nested data for string

```
>>> obj = ["something somewhere", {"long": "somewhere", "string": 2, 0: 0,
↳ "somewhere": "around"}]
>>> item = "somewhere"
>>> ds = DeepSearch(obj, item, verbose_level=2)
>>> pprint(ds, indent=2)
{ 'matched_paths': {"root[1]['somewhere']": 'around'},
  'matched_values': { 'root[0]': 'something somewhere',
                      'root[1]['long']": 'somewhere'}}
```

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```
class deepdiff.deephash.DeepHash(obj, *, hashes=None, exclude_types=None, exclude_paths=None,
                                exclude_regex_paths=None, hasher=None, ignore_repetition=True,
                                significant_digits=None, number_format_notation='f', apply_hash=True,
                                ignore_type_in_groups=None, ignore_string_type_changes=False,
                                ignore_numeric_type_changes=False, ignore_type_subclasses=False,
                                ignore_string_case=False, number_to_string_func=None, **kwargs)
```

### DeepHash

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DeepHash calculates the hash of objects based on their contents in a deterministic way. This way 2 objects with the same content should have the same hash.

The main usage of DeepHash is to calculate the hash of otherwise unhashable objects. For example you can use DeepHash to calculate the hash of a set or a dictionary!

At the core of it, DeepHash is a deterministic serialization of your object into a string so it can be passed to a hash function. By default it uses Murmur 3 128 bit hash function which is a fast, non-cryptographic hashing function. You have the option to pass any another hashing function to be used instead.

If it can't find Murmur3 package (mmh3) installed, it uses Python's built-in SHA256 for hashing which is considerably slower than Murmur3. So it is advised that you install Murmur3 by running `pip install 'deepdiff[murmur]`

### Import

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
```

### Parameters

**obj** : any object, The object to be hashed based on its content.

**hashes: dictionary, default = empty dictionary** A dictionary of {object or object id: object hash} to start with. Any object that is encountered and it is already in the hashes dictionary or its id is in the hashes dictionary, will re-use the hash that is provided by this dictionary instead of re-calculating its hash. This is typically used when you have a series of objects to be hashed and there might be repeats of the same object.

**exclude\_types: list, default = None** List of object types to exclude from hashing.

**exclude\_paths: list, default = None** List of paths to exclude from the report. If only one item, you can path it as a string instead of a list containing only one path.

**exclude\_regex\_paths: list, default = None** List of string regex paths or compiled regex paths objects to exclude from the report. If only one item, you can path it as a string instead of a list containing only one regex path.

**hasher: function. default = DeepHash.murmur3\_128bit** hasher is the hashing function. The default is DeepHash.murmur3\_128bit. But you can pass another hash function to it if you want. For example a cryptographic hash function or Python's builtin hash function. All it needs is a function that takes the input in string format and returns the hash.

You can use it by passing: hasher=hash for Python's builtin hash.

The following alternatives are already provided:

- hasher=DeepHash.murmur3\_128bit
- hasher=DeepHash.murmur3\_64bit
- hasher=DeepHash.sha1hex

**ignore\_repetition: Boolean, default = True** If repetitions in an iterable should cause the hash of iterable to be different. Note that the deepdiff diffing functionality lets this to be the default at all times. But if you are using DeepHash directly, you can set this parameter.

**significant\_digits** [int >= 0, default=None] By default the significant\_digits compares only that many digits AFTER the decimal point. However you can set override that by setting the number\_format\_notation="e" which will make it mean the digits in scientific notation.

Important: This will affect ANY number comparison when it is set.

Note: If ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes is set to True and you have left significant\_digits to the default of None, it gets automatically set to 12. The reason is that normally when numbers from 2 different types are compared, instead of comparing the values, we only report the type change. However when ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes=True, in order compare numbers from different types to each other, we need to convert them all into strings. The significant\_digits will be used to make sure we accurately convert all the numbers into strings in order to report the changes between them.

Internally it uses "{:.Xf}".format(Your Number) to compare numbers where X=significant\_digits when the number\_format\_notation is left as the default of "f" meaning fixed point.

Note that "{:.3f}".format(1.1135) = 1.113, but "{:.3f}".format(1.11351) = 1.114

For Decimals, Python's format rounds 2.5 to 2 and 3.5 to 4 (to the closest even number)

When you set the number\_format\_notation="e", we use "{:.Xe}".format(Your Number) where X=significant\_digits.

**number\_format\_notation** [string, default="f"] number\_format\_notation is what defines the meaning of significant digits. The default value of "f" means the digits AFTER the decimal point. "f" stands for fixed point. The other option is "e" which stands for exponent notation or scientific notation.

**apply\_hash: Boolean, default = True** DeepHash at its core is doing deterministic serialization of objects into strings. Then it hashes the string. The only time you want the apply\_hash to be False is if you want to know what the string representation of your object is BEFORE it gets hashed.

**ignore\_type\_in\_groups** Ignore type changes between members of groups of types. For example if you want to ignore type changes between float and decimals etc. Note that this is a more granular feature. Most of the times the shortcuts provided to you are enough. The shortcuts are ignore\_string\_type\_changes which by default is False and ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes which is by default False. You can read more about those shortcuts in this page. ignore\_type\_in\_groups gives you more control compared to the shortcuts.

For example lets say you have specifically str and byte datatypes to be ignored for type changes. Then you have a couple of options:

1. Set ignore\_string\_type\_changes=True which is the default.
2. Set ignore\_type\_in\_groups=[(str, bytes)]. Here you are saying if we detect one type to be str and the other one bytes, do not report them as type change. It is exactly as passing ignore\_type\_in\_groups=[DeepDiff.strings] or ignore\_type\_in\_groups=DeepDiff.strings .

Now what if you want also typeA and typeB to be ignored when comparing against each other?

1. ignore\_type\_in\_groups=[DeepDiff.strings, (typeA, typeB)]
2. or ignore\_type\_in\_groups=[(str, bytes), (typeA, typeB)]

**ignore\_string\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = True** string type conversions should not affect the hash output when this is set to True. For example "Hello" and b"Hello" should produce the same hash.

By setting it to True, both the string and bytes of hello return the same hash.

**ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = False** numeric type conversions should not affect the hash output when this is set to True. For example 10, 10.0 and Decimal(10) should produce the same hash. When ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes is set to True, all numbers are converted to strings with the precision of significant\_digits parameter and number\_format\_notation notation. If no significant\_digits is passed by the user, a default value of 12 is used.

**ignore\_type\_subclasses** Use ignore\_type\_subclasses=True so when ignoring type (class), the subclasses of that class are ignored too.

**ignore\_string\_case** Whether to be case-sensitive or not when comparing strings. By settings ignore\_string\_case=False, strings will be compared case-insensitively.

**Returns** A dictionary of {item: item hash}. If your object is nested, it will build hashes of all the objects it contains too.

## Examples

Let's say you have a dictionary object.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>> obj = {1: 2, 'a': 'b'}
```

If you try to hash it:

```
>>> hash(obj)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: unhashable type: 'dict'
```

But with DeepHash:

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>> obj = {1: 2, 'a': 'b'}
>>> DeepHash(obj)
{1: 234041559348429806012597903916437026784, 2: 148655924348182454950690728321917595655, 'a': 119173504597196970070553896747624927922, 'b': 4994827227437929991738076607196210252, '!>*id4488569408': 32452838416412500686422093274247968754}
```

So what is exactly the hash of obj in this case? DeepHash is calculating the hash of the obj and any other object that obj contains. The output of DeepHash is a dictionary of object IDs to their hashes. In order to get the hash of obj itself, you need to use the object (or the id of object) to get its hash:

```
>>> hashes = DeepHash(obj)
>>> hashes[obj]
34150898645750099477987229399128149852
```

Which you can write as:

```
>>> hashes = DeepHash(obj)[obj]
```

At first it might seem weird why DeepHash(obj)[obj] but remember that DeepHash(obj) is a dictionary of hashes of all other objects that obj contains too.

The result hash is 34150898645750099477987229399128149852 which is generated by Murmur 3 128bit hashing algorithm. If you prefer to use another hashing algorithm, you can pass it using the hasher parameter. Read more about Murmur3 here: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MurmurHash>

If you do a deep copy of obj, it should still give you the same hash:

```
>>> from copy import deepcopy
>>> obj2 = deepcopy(obj)
>>> DeepHash(obj2)[obj2]
34150898645750099477987229399128149852
```

Note that by default DeepHash will include string type differences. So if your strings were bytes:

```
>>> obj3 = {1: 2, b'a': b'b'}
>>> DeepHash(obj3)[obj3]
64067525765846024488103933101621212760
```

But if you want the same hash if string types are different, set ignore\_string\_type\_changes to True:

```
>>> DeepHash(obj3, ignore_string_type_changes=True)[obj3]
34150898645750099477987229399128149852
```

ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes is by default False too.

```
>>> obj1 = {4: 10}
>>> obj2 = {4.0: Decimal(10.0)}
>>> DeepHash(obj1)[4] == DeepHash(obj2)[4.0]
False
```

But by setting it to True, we can get the same hash.

```
>>> DeepHash(obj1, ignore_numeric_type_changes=True)[4] == DeepHash(obj2,
↳ ignore_numeric_type_changes=True)[4.0]
True
```

**number\_format\_notation: String, default = “f”** number\_format\_notation is what defines the meaning of significant digits. The default value of “f” means the digits AFTER the decimal point. “f” stands for fixed point. The other option is “e” which stands for exponent notation or scientific notation.

**ignore\_string\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = True** By setting it to True, both the string and bytes of hello return the same hash.

```
>>> DeepHash(b'hello', ignore_string_type_changes=True)
{'b'hello': 221860156526691709602818861774599422448}
>>> DeepHash('hello', ignore_string_type_changes=True)
{'hello': 221860156526691709602818861774599422448}
```

**ignore\_numeric\_type\_changes: Boolean, default = False** For example if significant\_digits=5, 1.1, Decimal(1.1) are both converted to 1.10000

That way they both produce the same hash.

```
>>> t1 = {1: 1, 2: 2.22}
>>> t2 = {1: 1.0, 2: 2.22}
>>> DeepHash(t1)[1]
231678797214551245419120414857003063149
>>> DeepHash(t1)[1.0]
231678797214551245419120414857003063149
```

You can pass a list of tuples or list of lists if you have various type groups. When t1 and t2 both fall under one of these type groups, the type change will be ignored. DeepDiff already comes with 2 groups: DeepDiff.strings and DeepDiff.numbers . If you want to pass both:

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepDiff
>>> ignore_type_in_groups = [DeepDiff.strings, DeepDiff.numbers]
```

ignore\_type\_in\_groups example with custom objects:

```
>>> class Burrito:
...     bread = 'flour'
...     def __init__(self):
...         self.spicy = True
...
>>>
>>> class Taco:
...     bread = 'flour'
...     def __init__(self):
...         self.spicy = True
...
>>>
>>> burrito = Burrito()
>>> taco = Taco()
>>>
>>> burritos = [burrito]
```

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```
>>> tacos = [taco]
>>>
>>> d1 = DeepHash(burritos, ignore_type_in_groups=[(Taco, Burrito)])
>>> d2 = DeepHash(tacos, ignore_type_in_groups=[(Taco, Burrito)])
>>> d1[burrito] == d2[taco]
True
```

**ignore\_type\_subclasses** Use `ignore_type_subclasses=True` so when ignoring type (class), the subclasses of that class are ignored too.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>>
>>> class ClassB:
...     def __init__(self, x):
...         self.x = x
...     def __repr__(self):
...         return "obj b"
...
>>>
>>> class ClassC(ClassB):
...     def __repr__(self):
...         return "obj c"
...
>>> obj_b = ClassB(1)
>>> obj_c = ClassC(1)
>>>
>>> # Since these 2 objects are from 2 different classes, the hashes are
↳ different by default.
... # ignore_type_in_groups is set to [(ClassB,)] which means to ignore any
↳ type conversion between
... # objects of classB and itself which does not make sense but it illustrates
↳ a better point when
... # ignore_type_subclasses is set to be True.
... hashes_b = DeepHash(obj_b, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassB, )])
>>> hashes_c = DeepHash(obj_c, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassB, )])
>>> hashes_b[obj_b] != hashes_c[obj_c]
True
>>>
>>> # Hashes of these 2 objects will be the same when ignore_type_subclasses is
↳ set to True
... hashes_b = DeepHash(obj_b, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassB, )], ignore_type_
↳ subclasses=True)
>>> hashes_c = DeepHash(obj_c, ignore_type_in_groups=[(ClassB, )], ignore_type_
↳ subclasses=True)
>>> hashes_b[obj_b] == hashes_c[obj_c]
True
```

**ignore\_string\_case** Whether to be case-sensitive or not when comparing strings. By settings `ignore_string_case=False`, strings will be compared case-insensitively.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>> DeepHash('hello')['hello'] == DeepHash('heLLO')['heLLO']
```

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```
False
>>> DeepHash('hello', ignore_string_case=True)['hello'] == DeepHash('heLL0',
↳ ignore_string_case=True)['heLL0']
True
```

**number\_format\_notation** [string, default="f"] When numbers are converted to the string, you have the choices between "f" as fixed point and "e" as scientific notation:

```
>>> t1=10002
>>> t2=10004
>>> t1_hash = DeepHash(t1, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="f")
>>> t2_hash = DeepHash(t2, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="f")
>>>
>>> t1_hash[t1] == t2_hash[t2]
False
>>>
>>>
>>> # Now we use the scientific notation
... t1_hash = DeepHash(t1, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e")
>>> t2_hash = DeepHash(t2, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e")
>>>
>>> t1_hash[t1] == t2_hash[t2]
True
```

**Defining your own number\_to\_string\_func** Lets say you want the hash of numbers below 100 to be the same for some reason.

```
>>> from deepdiff import DeepHash
>>> from deepdiff.helper import number_to_string
>>> def custom_number_to_string(number, *args, **kwargs):
...     number = 100 if number < 100 else number
...     return number_to_string(number, *args, **kwargs)
...
>>> t1 = [10, 12, 100000]
>>> t2 = [50, 63, 100021]
>>> t1_hash = DeepHash(t1, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e",
↳ number_to_string_func=custom_number_to_string)
>>> t2_hash = DeepHash(t2, significant_digits=3, number_format_notation="e",
↳ number_to_string_func=custom_number_to_string)
>>> t1_hash[t1] == t2_hash[t2]
True
```

So both lists produced the same hash thanks to the low significant digits for 100000 vs 100021 and also the custom\_number\_to\_string that converted all numbers below 100 to be 100!

**static murmur3\_128bit(obj)**

Use murmur3\_128bit for bit hash by passing this method: hasher=DeepHash.murmur3\_128bit This hasher is the default hasher.

**static murmur3\_64bit(obj)**

Use murmur3\_64bit for 64 bit hash by passing this method: hasher=DeepHash.murmur3\_64bit

**static shalhex(obj)**

Use Sha1 as a cryptographic hash.

**static sha256hex(obj)**

Use Sha256 as a cryptographic hash.

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- v4-0-5: Fixing number diffing. Adding `number_format_notation` and `number_to_string_func`.
- v4-0-4: Adding `ignore_string_case` and `ignore_type_subclasses`
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- v4-0-2: Fixing installation issue where `rst` files are missing.
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