

# Package ‘curry’

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**Description** Partial application is the process of reducing the arity of a function by fixing one or more arguments, thus creating a new function lacking the fixed arguments. The curry package provides three different ways of performing partial function application by fixing arguments from either end of the argument list (currying and tail currying) or by fixing multiple named arguments (partial application). This package provides this functionality through the %<%, %-<%, and %><% operators which allows for a programming style comparable to modern functional languages. Compared to other implementations such as purrr::partial() the operators in curry composes functions with named arguments, aiding in autocomplete etc.

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curry

*Curry a function from the start***Description**

The `curry` function and the `%<%` operator performs currying on a function by partially applying the first argument, returning a function that accepts all but the first arguments of the former function. If the first argument is `...` the curried argument will be interpreted as part of the ellipsis and the ellipsis will be retained in the returned function. It is thus possible to curry functions containing ellipsis arguments to infinity (though not advised).

**Usage**

```
fun %<% arg
```

```
curry(fun, arg)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fun</code>	A function to be curried. Can be any function (normal, already curried, primitives).
<code>arg</code>	The value that should be applied to the first argument.

**Value**

A function with the same arguments as `fun` except for the first, unless the first is `...` in which case it will be retained.

**Note**

Multiple currying does not result in multiple nested calls, so while the first currying adds a layer around the curried function, potentially adding a very small performance hit, currying multiple times will not add to this effect.

**See Also**

Other partials: [partial](#), [tail\\_curry](#)

**Examples**

```
# Equivalent to curry(`+`, 5)
add_5 <- `+` %<% 5
add_5(10)

# ellipsis are retained when currying
bind_5 <- cbind %<% 5
bind_5(1:10)
```

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partial

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*Apply arguments partially to a function*

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**Description**

The `partial` function and the `%><%` operator allows you to partially call a function with a list of arguments. Named elements in the list will be matched to function arguments and these arguments will be removed from the returned function. Unnamed elements are only allowed for functions containing an ellipsis, in which case they are considered part of the ellipsis.

**Usage**

```
fun %><% args
```

```
partial(fun, args)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fun</code>	A function to be partially applied. Can be any function (normal, already partially applied, primitives).
<code>args</code>	A list of values that should be applied to the function.

**Value**

A function with the same arguments as `fun` except for the ones given in `args`

**Note**

Multiple partial application does not result in multiple nested calls, so while the first partial call adds a layer around the called function, potentially adding a very small performance hit, partially calling multiple times will not add to this effect.

**See Also**

Other partials: [curry](#), [tail\\_curry](#)

**Examples**

```
dummy_lengths <- vapply %><% list(FUN = length, FUN.VALUE = integer(1))
test_list <- list(a = 1:5, b = 1:10)
dummy_lengths(test_list)
```

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tail\_curry

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*Curry a function from the end*


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## Description

The `tail_curry` function and the `%<%` operator performs currying on a function by partially applying the last argument, returning a function that accepts all but the last arguments of the former function. If the last argument is `...` the curried argument will be interpreted as the last named argument. If the only argument to the function is `...` the curried argument will be interpreted as part of the ellipsis and the ellipsis will be retained in the returned function. It is thus possible to curry functions containing ellipsis arguments to infinity (though not advised).

## Usage

```
fun %<% arg
```

```
tail_curry(fun, arg)
```

## Arguments

fun	A function to be curried from the end. Can be any function (normal, already (tail_)curried, primitives).
arg	The value that should be applied to the last argument.

## Value

A function with the same arguments as `fun` except for the last named argument, unless the only one is `...` in which case it will be retained.

## Note

Multiple `tail_curry`ing does not result in multiple nested calls, so while the first `tail_curry`ing adds a layer around the curried function, potentially adding a very small performance hit, `tail_curry`ing multiple times will not add to this effect.

## See Also

Other partials: [curry](#), [partial](#)

## Examples

```
# Equivalent to tail_curry(`/`, 5)
divide_by_5 <- `/` %<% 5
divide_by_5(10)

no_factors <- data.frame %<% FALSE
no_factors(x = letters[1:5])
```

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