

# Package ‘MakefileR’

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c.MakefileR_group	<i>Concatenation of rules</i>
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**Description**

Rules can be appended to groups and Makefiles using the `c` function or the `+` operator.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MakefileR_group'
c(..., recursive = FALSE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'MakefileR_group'
x + y
```

**Arguments**

<code>...</code> , <code>x</code> , <code>y</code>	[MakefileR] Rules, the first ( <code>x</code> or the first element of <code>...</code> ) must be of class <code>MakefileR_group</code> (created by <a href="#">make_group</a> or <a href="#">makefile</a> )
<code>recursive</code>	[any] Unused

**Examples**

```
c(make_group(sep = ""),
  make_group(make_comment("Dummy targets"),
             make_rule(".FORCE"), make_rule(".SILENT")),
  make_group(make_comment("Definitions"),
             make_def("A", "a")))

makefile() + (make_group() + make_comment("Definitions") + make_def("A", "a"))
```

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makefile	<i>Creates a Makefile</i>
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**Description**

A Makefile consists of a list of rules, definition, comments and other items.

**Usage**

```
makefile(..., .dots = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

... [MakefileR]  
Items created by [make\\_rule](#) or other make\_ functions

.dots [list]  
Further rules in addition to ...

**Details**

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append rules, definitions, comments, plain text, and groups.

**Value**

An object of class `MakefileR_file`

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

[make\\_rule](#), [make\\_def](#), [make\\_comment](#), [make\\_text](#), [make\\_group](#), [c.MakefileR\\_group](#)

**Examples**

```
makefile(make_rule("all", c("first_target", "second_target")))
```

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make_comment	<i>Creates a Makefile comment</i>
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**Description**

For helping the reader understand what's happening

**Usage**

```
make_comment(...)
```

**Arguments**

... [character]  
Comments without leading hash #

**Details**

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append comments to groups and Makefiles.

**Value**

An object of class MakefileR\_comment

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

Other items: [make\\_def](#), [make\\_group](#), [make\\_rule](#), [make\\_text](#)

**Examples**

```
make_comment("This is a comment")
```

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make\_def

*Creates a variable definition in a Makefile*

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**Description**

A variable definition in a Makefile consists of a variable name and its definition. Both are separated by the equality sign =.

**Usage**

```
make_def(variable, definition)
```

**Arguments**

variable	[character(1)] Variable name
definition	[character(1)] Definition for this variable

**Details**

No quoting is applied to the definition by this function. Currently, both variable and definition are required to be character values of length one.

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append definitions to groups and Makefiles.

**Value**

An object of class MakefileR\_def

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

[makefile](#), [make\\_group](#)

Other items: [make\\_comment](#), [make\\_group](#), [make\\_rule](#), [make\\_text](#)

**Examples**

```
make_def("R_USER_LIBRARY", .libPaths()[[1L]])
makefile() +
  make_def("R_USER_LIBRARY", .libPaths()[[1L]])
```

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make_group	<i>Creates a group of Makefile items</i>
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**Description**

Helps separating similar rules.

**Usage**

```
make_group(..., .dots = NULL, sep = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

...	[MakefileR] Items created by <a href="#">make_rule</a> or other make_ functions
.dots	[list] Further rules in addition to ...
sep	[character(1)] Separator between group items, NULL (the default) means no separator.

**Details**

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append groups to other groups and Makefiles (thus creating nested groups).

**Value**

An object of class `MakefileR_group`

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

[c.MakefileR\\_group](#)

Other items: [make\\_comment](#), [make\\_def](#), [make\\_rule](#), [make\\_text](#)

**Examples**

```
makefile(make_rule("all", c("first_target", "second_target")))
```

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make_rule	<i>Creates a Makefile rule</i>
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**Description**

A rule in a Makefile consists of a (list of) targets which may depend on one or more dependencies each. Optionally, a script is executed to create the target. Generally, multiple targets mean that the rule is identical for each of the individual targets, and multiple dependencies mean that *all* of them are required to build *each* of the targets. In the script, the target can be referenced by \$@, and the first dependency can be referenced by \$<. Note that the dollar sign has a special meaning in a Makefile, use \$\$ in scripts that need to use the dollar sign themselves.

**Usage**

```
make_rule(targets, deps = NULL, script = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

targets	[character] Target names
deps	[character] Dependency names
script	[character] A script to execute to build the targets.

**Details**

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append rules to groups and Makefiles.

**Value**

An object of class `MakefileR_rule`

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

[makefile](#)

Other items: [make\\_comment](#), [make\\_def](#), [make\\_group](#), [make\\_text](#)

**Examples**

```

make_rule("all", c("first_target", "second_target"))
make_rule(".FORCE")
make_rule("first_target", ".FORCE", "echo 'Building first target'")
make_rule("second_target", "first_target",
  c("echo 'Building second target'", "echo 'Done'"))

makefile() +
  make_rule("all", c("first_target", "second_target")) +
  make_rule(".FORCE") +
  make_rule("first_target", ".FORCE", "echo 'Building first target'") +
  make_rule("second_target", "first_target",
    c("echo 'Building second target'", "echo 'Done'"))

```

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make_text	<i>Creates a custom Makefile entry</i>
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**Description**

For anything else not covered by the other `make_` functions, such as the `export` statement for exporting Makefile variables.

**Usage**

```
make_text(...)
```

**Arguments**

```

...           [character]
              Custom text

```

**Details**

Use the `c` function or the `+` operator to append comments to groups and Makefiles.

**Value**

An object of class `MakefileR_text`

**References**

<https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/>

**See Also**

Other items: [make\\_comment](#), [make\\_def](#), [make\\_group](#), [make\\_rule](#)

**Examples**

```
make_text("export SOME_VARIABLE")
```

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write_makefile	<i>Writes a Makefile to a file</i>
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**Description**

Makefiles, as created by [makefile](#), only exist in memory until they are written to a file by this function.

**Usage**

```
write_makefile(makefile, file_name)
```

**Arguments**

makefile	[MakefileR] A Makefile, created by <a href="#">makefile</a>
file_name	[character(1)] Target file name

**Value**

The value returned by [writeLines](#)

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