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**See Also**

- Useful links:
- <https://shikokuchuo.net/secretbase/>
  - <https://github.com/shikokuchuo/secretbase/>
  - Report bugs at <https://github.com/shikokuchuo/secretbase/issues>

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base64dec	<i>Base64 Decode</i>
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**Description**

Decodes a character string, raw vector or other object from base64 encoding.

**Usage**

base64dec(x, convert = TRUE)

**Arguments**

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| x       | an object.  |
| convert | logical TRUE to convert back to a character string, FALSE to convert back to a raw vector or NA to decode and then unserialize back to the original object. |

**Details**

The value of `convert` should be set to `TRUE`, `FALSE` or `NA` to be the reverse of the 3 encoding operations (for strings, raw vectors and arbitrary objects), in order to return the original object.

**Value**

A character string, raw vector, or other object depending on the value of `convert`.

**References**

This implementation is based that by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

**See Also**

[base64enc\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
base64dec(base64enc("secret base"))
base64dec(base64enc(as.raw(c(1L, 2L, 4L))), convert = FALSE)
base64dec(base64enc(data.frame()), convert = NA)
```

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base64enc

*Base64 Encode*


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**Description**

Encodes a character string, raw vector or other object to base64 encoding.

**Usage**

```
base64enc(x, convert = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an object.
<code>convert</code>	logical <code>TRUE</code> to encode to a character string or <code>FALSE</code> to a raw vector.

**Details**

A character string or raw vector (with no attributes) is encoded as is, whilst all other objects are first serialized (using R serialisation version 3, big-endian representation).

**Value**

A character string or raw vector depending on the value of `convert`.

## References

This implementation is based that by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

## See Also

[base64dec\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
base64enc("secret base")
base64enc(as.raw(c(1L, 2L, 4L)), convert = FALSE)
base64enc(data.frame())
```

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keccak	<i>Keccak Cryptographic Hash Algorithms</i>
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## Description

Returns a Keccak hash of the supplied object or file.

## Usage

```
keccak(x, bits = 256L, convert = TRUE, file)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	object to hash. A character string or raw vector (without attributes) is hashed as is. All other objects are stream hashed using native R serialization.
<code>bits</code>	integer output size of the returned hash. Must be one of 224, 256, 384 or 512.
<code>convert</code>	logical TRUE to convert the hash to its hex representation as a character string, FALSE to return directly as a raw vector, or NA to return as a vector of (32-bit) integers.
<code>file</code>	character file name / path. If specified, <code>x</code> is ignored. The file is stream hashed, and the file can be larger than memory.

## Value

A character string, raw or integer vector depending on `convert`.

## R Serialization Stream Hashing

Where this is used, serialization is always version 3 big-endian representation and the headers (containing R version and native encoding information) are skipped to ensure portability across platforms.

As hashing is performed in a streaming fashion, there is no materialization of, or memory allocation for, the serialized object.

## References

Keccak is the underlying algorithm for SHA-3, and is identical apart from the value of the padding parameter.

The Keccak algorithm was designed by G. Bertoni, J. Daemen, M. Peeters and G. Van Assche.

This implementation is based on one by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

## Examples

```
# Keccak-256 hash as character string:
keccak("secret base")

# Keccak-256 hash as raw vector:
keccak("secret base", convert = FALSE)

# Keccak-224 hash as character string:
keccak("secret base", bits = 224)

# Keccak-384 hash as character string:
keccak("secret base", bits = 384)

# Keccak-512 hash as character string:
keccak("secret base", bits = 512)

# Keccak-256 hash a file:
file <- tempfile(); cat("secret base", file = file)
keccak(file = file)
unlink(file)
```

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sha256

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*SHA-256 Cryptographic Hash Algorithm*


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## Description

Returns a SHA-256 hash of the supplied object or file, or HMAC if a secret key is supplied.

## Usage

```
sha256(x, key = NULL, convert = TRUE, file)
```

## Arguments

x	object to hash. A character string or raw vector (without attributes) is hashed as is. All other objects are stream hashed using native R serialization.
key	if NULL, the SHA-256 hash of x is returned. If a character string or raw vector, this is used as a secret key to generate an HMAC. Note: for character vectors, only the first element is used.

convert	logical TRUE to convert the hash to its hex representation as a character string, FALSE to return directly as a raw vector, or NA to return as a vector of (32-bit) integers.
file	character file name / path. If specified, x is ignored. The file is stream hashed, and the file can be larger than memory.

### Value

A character string, raw or integer vector depending on convert.

### R Serialization Stream Hashing

Where this is used, serialization is always version 3 big-endian representation and the headers (containing R version and native encoding information) are skipped to ensure portability across platforms.

As hashing is performed in a streaming fashion, there is no materialization of, or memory allocation for, the serialized object.

### References

The SHA-256 Secure Hash Standard was published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in 2002 at <https://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips180-2/fips180-2.pdf>.

This implementation is based on one by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

### Examples

```
# SHA-256 hash as character string:
sha256("secret base")

# SHA-256 hash as raw vector:
sha256("secret base", convert = FALSE)

# SHA-256 hash a file:
file <- tempfile(); cat("secret base", file = file)
sha256(file = file)
unlink(file)

# SHA-256 HMAC using a character string secret key:
sha256("secret", key = "base")

# SHA-256 HMAC using a raw vector secret key:
sha256("secret", key = charToRaw("base"))
```

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sha3SHA-3 Cryptographic Hash Algorithms

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**Description**

Returns a SHA-3 hash of the supplied object or file.

**Usage**

```
sha3(x, bits = 256L, convert = TRUE, file)
```

**Arguments**

x	object to hash. A character string or raw vector (without attributes) is hashed as is. All other objects are stream hashed using native R serialization.
bits	integer output size of the returned hash. Must be one of 224, 256, 384 or 512.
convert	logical TRUE to convert the hash to its hex representation as a character string, FALSE to return directly as a raw vector, or NA to return as a vector of (32-bit) integers.
file	character file name / path. If specified, x is ignored. The file is stream hashed, and the file can be larger than memory.

**Value**

A character string, raw or integer vector depending on convert.

**R Serialization Stream Hashing**

Where this is used, serialization is always version 3 big-endian representation and the headers (containing R version and native encoding information) are skipped to ensure portability across platforms.

As hashing is performed in a streaming fashion, there is no materialization of, or memory allocation for, the serialized object.

**References**

The SHA-3 Secure Hash Standard was published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in 2015 at [doi:10.6028/NIST.FIPS.202](https://doi.org/10.6028/NIST.FIPS.202).

This implementation is based on one by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

## Examples

```
# SHA3-256 hash as character string:
sha3("secret base")

# SHA3-256 hash as raw vector:
sha3("secret base", convert = FALSE)

# SHA3-224 hash as character string:
sha3("secret base", bits = 224)

# SHA3-384 hash as character string:
sha3("secret base", bits = 384)

# SHA3-512 hash as character string:
sha3("secret base", bits = 512)

# SHA3-256 hash a file:
file <- tempfile(); cat("secret base", file = file)
sha3(file = file)
unlink(file)
```

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shake256

*SHAKE256 Extendable Output Function*


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## Description

Returns a SHAKE256 hash of the supplied object or file.

## Usage

```
shake256(x, bits = 256L, convert = TRUE, file)
```

## Arguments

x	object to hash. A character string or raw vector (without attributes) is hashed as is. All other objects are stream hashed using native R serialization.
bits	integer output size of the returned hash. Value must be between 8 and 2 <sup>24</sup> .
convert	logical TRUE to convert the hash to its hex representation as a character string, FALSE to return directly as a raw vector, or NA to return as a vector of (32-bit) integers.
file	character file name / path. If specified, x is ignored. The file is stream hashed, and the file can be larger than memory.

## Details

To produce single integer values suitable for use as random seeds for R's pseudo random number generators (RNGs), set 'bits' to 32 and 'convert' to NA.



**Value**

A character string, raw or integer vector depending on `convert`.

**R Serialization Stream Hashing**

Where this is used, serialization is always version 3 big-endian representation and the headers (containing R version and native encoding information) are skipped to ensure portability across platforms.

As hashing is performed in a streaming fashion, there is no materialization of, or memory allocation for, the serialized object.

**References**

This implementation is based on one by 'The Mbed TLS Contributors' under the 'Mbed TLS' Trusted Firmware Project at <https://www.trustedfirmware.org/projects/mbed-tls>.

**Examples**

```
# SHAKE256 hash as character string:
shake256("secret base")

# SHAKE256 hash as raw vector:
shake256("secret base", convert = FALSE)

# SHAKE256 hash to integer:
shake256("secret base", bits = 32L, convert = NA)

# SHAKE256 hash a file:
file <- tempfile(); cat("secret base", file = file)
shake256(file = file)
unlink(file)
```

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siphash13

*SipHash Pseudorandom Function*


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**Description**

Returns a fast, cryptographically-strong SipHash keyed hash of the supplied object or file. SipHash-1-3 is optimised for performance. Note: SipHash is not a cryptographic hash algorithm.

**Usage**

```
siphash13(x, key = NULL, convert = TRUE, file)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object to hash. A character string or raw vector (without attributes) is hashed as is. All other objects are stream hashed using native R serialization.
<code>key</code>	a character string or raw vector comprising the 16 byte (128 bit) key data, or else NULL which is equivalent to '0'. If a longer vector is supplied, only the first 16 bytes are used, and if shorter, padded with trailing '0'. Note: for character vectors, only the first element is used.
<code>convert</code>	logical TRUE to convert the hash to its hex representation as a character string, FALSE to return directly as a raw vector, or NA to return as a vector of (32-bit) integers.
<code>file</code>	character file name / path. If specified, <code>x</code> is ignored. The file is stream hashed, and the file can be larger than memory.

**Value**

A character string, raw or integer vector depending on `convert`.

**R Serialization Stream Hashing**

Where this is used, serialization is always version 3 big-endian representation and the headers (containing R version and native encoding information) are skipped to ensure portability across platforms.

As hashing is performed in a streaming fashion, there is no materialization of, or memory allocation for, the serialized object.

**References**

The SipHash family of cryptographically-strong pseudorandom functions (PRFs) are described in 'SipHash: a fast short-input PRF', Jean-Philippe Aumasson and Daniel J. Bernstein, Paper 2012/351, 2012, Cryptology ePrint Archive at <https://ia.cr/2012/351>.

This implementation is based on the SipHash streaming implementation by Daniele Nicolodi, David Rheinsberg and Tom Gundersen at <https://github.com/c-util/c-siphash>. This is in turn based on the SipHash reference implementation by Jean-Philippe Aumasson and Daniel J. Bernstein released to the public domain at <https://github.com/veorq/SipHash>.

**Examples**

```
# SipHash-1-3 hash as character string:
siphash13("secret base")

# SipHash-1-3 hash as raw vector:
siphash13("secret base", convert = FALSE)

# SipHash-1-3 hash using a character string key:
siphash13("secret", key = "base")

# SipHash-1-3 hash using a raw vector key:
siphash13("secret", key = charToRaw("base"))
```

```
# SipHash-1-3 hash a file:
file <- tempfile(); cat("secret base", file = file)
siphash13(file = file)
unlink(file)
```

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