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Title A Simple S3 Class for Representing Vectors of Binary Data ('BLOBS')

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Description R's raw vector is useful for storing a single binary object. What if you want to put a vector of them in a data frame? The 'blob' package provides the blob object, a list of raw vectors, suitable for use as a column in data frame.

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blob	<i>Construct a blob object</i>
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Description

`new_blob()` is a low-level constructor that takes a list of raw vectors. `blob()` constructs a blob from individual raw vectors. `as_blob()` and `is_blob()` are simple forwarders to `vctrs::vec_cast()` and `inherits()`, respectively.

Usage

```
blob(...)
```

```
new_blob(x = list())
```

```
validate_blob(x)
```

```
as_blob(x)
```

```
is_blob(x)
```

Arguments

...	Individual raw vectors
x	A list of raw vectors, or other object to coerce

See Also

[as.blob\(\)](#) for the legacy interface for specifying casts.

Examples

```
x1 <- charToRaw("Good morning")
x2 <- as.raw(c(0x48, 0x65, 0x6c, 0x6c, 0x6f))

new_blob(list(x1, x2))
blob(x1, x2)

as.blob(c("Good morning", "Good evening"))
```

vec_ptype2.blob	<i>Coercion</i>
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Description

Double dispatch methods to support `vctrs::vec_ptype2()`.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'blob'  
vec_ptype2(x, y, ..., x_arg = "", y_arg = "")
```

Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	Vector types.
<code>...</code>	These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.
<code>x_arg, y_arg</code>	Argument names for <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> . These are used in error messages to inform the user about the locations of incompatible types (see <code>stop_incompatible_type()</code>).

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