

Priority table of functional groups of organic chemistry

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Formula	Function	Sufix (main function)	Prefix (secondary function)	Example
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ R-\text{C}-\text{OH} \end{array}$	Acid	-oic acid	carboxyl-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-COOH}$ Ethanoic acid
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ R-\text{C}-\text{O}-R' \end{array}$	Ester	-yl -oate		$\text{CH}_3\text{-COO-CH}_3$ Methyl ethanoate
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ R-\text{C}-\text{NH}_2 \end{array}$	Amide	-amide	carboxamido-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CONH}_2$ Propanamide
$R-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$	Nitrile	-nitrile (cyanide)	cyano-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CN}$ Ethanenitrile Methyl cyanide
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ R-\text{C}-\text{H} \end{array}$	Aldehyde	-al	oxo-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-CHO}$ Propanal
$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ R-\text{C}-R' \end{array}$	Ketone	-one	oxo-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CO-CH}_3$ Propanone
$R-\text{OH}$	Alcohol	-ol	hydroxi-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{OH}$ Ethanol
$R-\text{NH}_2$	Amine	-amine	amino-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-NH}_2$ Ethylamine
$R-\text{O}-R'$	Ether	- yl ... yleter	oxa-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-O-CH}_2\text{-CH}_3$ Ethylmethyleter
$\begin{array}{c} > \text{C}=\text{C} < \\ & \end{array}$	Alkene	-ene		$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH=CH}_2$ Propene
$-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$	Alkyne	-yne		$\text{CH}_3\text{-C}\equiv\text{CH}$ Propyne
$R-\text{NO}_2$	Nitro		nitro-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{-NO}_2$ Nitroethane
$R-X$	Halide		fluoro-, chloro-, bromo-, iodo-	$\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{Br}$ Bromoethane
$-R$	Radical		yl-	$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{CH}_3\text{-CH-CH}_3 \end{array}$ Methylpropane