

# Package ‘HDF5Array’

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h5mread	<i>An alternative to rhdf5::h5read</i>
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### Description

h5mread is the result of experimenting with alternative rhdf5::h5read implementations.

It should still be considered experimental!

### Usage

```
h5mread(filepath, name, starts=NULL, counts=NULL, noreduce=FALSE,
         as.integer=FALSE, as.sparse=FALSE, method=0L)
```

```
get_h5mread_returned_type(filepath, name, as.integer=FALSE)
```

### Arguments

**filepath** The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where the dataset to read from is located.

**name** The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.

**starts, counts** starts and counts are used to specify the *array selection*. Each argument can be either NULL or a list with one list element per dimension in the dataset.

If starts and counts are both NULL, then the entire dataset is read.

If starts is a list, each list element in it must be a vector of valid positive indices along the corresponding dimension in the dataset. An empty vector

(integer(0)) is accepted and indicates an empty selection along that dimension. A NULL is accepted and indicates a *full* selection along the dimension so has the same meaning as a missing subscript when subsetting an array-like object with [. (Note that for [ a NULL subscript indicates an empty selection.)

Each list element in counts must be NULL or a vector of non-negative integers of the same length as the corresponding list element in starts. Each value in the vector indicates how many positions to select starting from the associated start value. A NULL indicates that a single position is selected for each value along the corresponding dimension.

If counts is NULL, then each index in each starts list element indicates a single position selection along the corresponding dimension. Note that in this case the starts argument is equivalent to the index argument of `h5read` and `extract_array` (with the caveat that `h5read` doesn't accept empty selections).

Finally note that when counts is not NULL then the selection described by starts and counts must be *strictly ascending* along each dimension.

noreduce	TODO
as.integer	TODO
as.sparse	TODO
method	TODO

## Details

COMING SOON...

## Value

An array for h5mread.

The type of the array that will be returned by h5mread for `get_h5mread_returned_type`. Equivalent to:

```
typeof(h5mread(filepath, name, rep(list(integer(0)), ndim)))
```

where ndim is the number of dimensions (a.k.a. the *rank* in HDF5 jargon) of the dataset. `get_h5mread_returned_type` is provided for convenience.

## See Also

- `h5read` in the **rhdf5** package.
- `type` in the **DelayedArray** package.
- `extract_array` in the **DelayedArray** package.
- The `TENxBrainData` dataset (in the **TENxBrainData** package).
- `h5mread_from_resaped` to read data from a virtually reshaped HDF5 dataset.

## Examples

```
## -----
## BASIC USAGE
## -----
m0 <- matrix((runif(600) - 0.5) * 10, ncol=12)
M0 <- writeHDF5Array(m0, name="M0")
```

```

m <- h5mread(path(M0), "M0")
stopifnot(identical(m0, m))

m <- h5mread(path(M0), "M0", starts=list(NULL, c(3, 12:8)))
stopifnot(identical(m0[, c(3, 12:8)], m))

m <- h5mread(path(M0), "M0", starts=list(integer(0), c(3, 12:8)))
stopifnot(identical(m0[NULL, c(3, 12:8)], m))

m <- h5mread(path(M0), "M0", starts=list(1:5, NULL), as.integer=TRUE)
storage.mode(m0) <- "integer"
stopifnot(identical(m0[1:5, ], m))

a0 <- array(1:350, c(10, 5, 7))
A0 <- writeHDF5Array(a0, filepath=path(M0), name="A0")
h5ls(path(A0))

a <- h5mread(path(A0), "A0", starts=list(c(2, 7), NULL, 6),
          counts=list(c(4, 2), NULL, NULL))
stopifnot(identical(a0[c(2:5, 7:8), , 6, drop=FALSE], a))

## Load the data in a sparse array representation:

m1 <- matrix(c(5:-2, rep.int(c(0L, 99L), 11)), ncol=6)
M1 <- writeHDF5Array(m1, name="M1", chunkdim=c(3L, 2L))

index <- list(5:3, NULL)
m <- h5mread(path(M1), "M1", starts=index)
sas <- h5mread(path(M1), "M1", starts=index, as.sparse=TRUE)
class(sas) # SparseArraySeed object (see ?SparseArraySeed)
as(sas, "dgCMatrix")
stopifnot(identical(m, sparse2dense(sas)))

## -----
## PERFORMANCE
## -----

library(ExperimentHub)
hub <- ExperimentHub()

## With the "sparse" TENxBrainData dataset
## -----
fname0 <- hub[["EH1039"]]
h5ls(fname0) # all datasets are 1D datasets

index <- list(77 * sample(34088679, 5000, replace=TRUE))
## h5mread() is about 4x faster than h5read():
system.time(a <- h5mread(fname0, "mm10/data", index))
system.time(b <- h5read(fname0, "mm10/data", index=index))
stopifnot(identical(a, b))

index <- list(sample(1306127, 7500, replace=TRUE))
## h5mread() is about 20x faster than h5read():
system.time(a <- h5mread(fname0, "mm10/barcodes", index))
system.time(b <- h5read(fname0, "mm10/barcodes", index=index))
stopifnot(identical(a, b))

```

```

## With the "dense" TENxBrainData dataset
## -----
fname1 <- hub[["EH1040"]]
h5ls(fname1) # "counts" is a 2D dataset

index <- list(sample( 27998, 250),
              sample(1306127, 250))
## h5mread() is about 2x faster than h5read():
system.time(a <- h5mread(fname1, "counts", index))
system.time(b <- h5read(fname1, "counts", index=index))
stopifnot(identical(a, b))

## Alternatively 'as.sparse=TRUE' can be used to reduce memory usage:
system.time(sas <- h5mread(fname1, "counts", index, as.sparse=TRUE))
stopifnot(identical(a, sparse2dense(sas)))

## The bigger the selection, the greater the speedup between
## h5read() and h5mread():
## Not run:
index <- list(sample( 27998, 1000),
              sample(1306127, 1000))
## h5mread() about 8x faster than h5read() (20s vs 2m30s):
system.time(a <- h5mread(fname1, "counts", index))
system.time(b <- h5read(fname1, "counts", index=index))
stopifnot(identical(a, b))

## With 'as.sparse=TRUE' (about the same speed as with 'as.sparse=FALSE'):
system.time(sas <- h5mread(fname1, "counts", index, as.sparse=TRUE))
stopifnot(identical(a, sparse2dense(sas)))

## End(Not run)

```

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h5mread\_from\_reshaped *Read data from a virtually reshaped HDF5 dataset*

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## Description

An [h5mread](#) wrapper that reads data from a virtually reshaped HDF5 dataset.

## Usage

```
h5mread_from_reshaped(filepath, name, dim, starts, noreduce=FALSE,
                      as.integer=FALSE, method=0L)
```

## Arguments

filepath	The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where the dataset to read from is located.
name	The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.
dim	A vector of dimensions that describes the virtual reshaping i.e. the reshaping that is virtually applied upfront to the HDF5 dataset to read from. Note that the HDF5 dataset is treated as read-only so never gets <i>effectively</i> reshaped, that is, the dataset dimensions encoded in the HDF5 file are not modified.

Also please note that arbitrary reshapings are not supported. Only reshapings that reduce the number of dimensions by collapsing a group of consecutive dimensions into a single dimension are supported. For example, reshaping a 10 x 3 x 5 x 1000 array as a 10 x 15 x 1000 array or as a 150 x 1000 matrix is supported.

**starts** A multidimensional subsetting index *with respect to the reshaped dataset*, that is, a list with one list element per dimension in the reshaped dataset. Each list element in **starts** must be a vector of valid positive indices along the corresponding dimension in the reshaped dataset. An empty vector (`integer(0)`) is accepted and indicates an empty selection along that dimension. A `NULL` is accepted and indicates a *full* selection along the dimension so has the same meaning as a missing subscript when subsetting an array-like object with `[]`. (Note that for `[]` a `NULL` subscript indicates an empty selection.)

**noreduce**, **as.integer**, **method**  
See [?h5mread](#) for a description of these arguments.

### Value

An array.

### See Also

- [h5mread](#).

### Examples

```
## -----
## BASIC USAGE
## -----
a1 <- array(1:350, c(10, 5, 7))
A1 <- writeHDF5Array(a1, name="A1")

## Collapse the first 2 dimensions:
h5mread_from_resaped(path(A1), "A1", dim=c(50, 7),
  starts=list(8:11, NULL))
h5mread_from_resaped(path(A1), "A1", dim=c(50, 7),
  starts=list(8:11, NULL))

## Collapse the last 2 dimensions:
h5mread_from_resaped(path(A1), "A1", dim=c(10, 35),
  starts=list(NULL, 3:11))

a2 <- array(1:150000 + 0.1*runif(150000), c(10, 3, 5, 1000))
A2 <- writeHDF5Array(a2, name="A2")

## Collapse the 2nd and 3rd dimensions:
h5mread_from_resaped(path(A2), "A2", dim=c(10, 15, 1000),
  starts=list(NULL, 8:11, 999:1000))

## Collapse the first 3 dimensions:
h5mread_from_resaped(path(A2), "A2", dim=c(150, 1000),
  starts=list(71:110, 999:1000))
```

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h5writeDimnames	<i>Write/read the dimnames of an HDF5 dataset</i>
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### Description

`h5writeDimnames` and `h5readDimnames` can be used to write/read the dimnames of an HDF5 dataset to/from the HDF5 file.

Note that `h5writeDimnames` is used internally by `writeHDF5Array(x, ..., with.dimnames=TRUE)` to write the dimnames of `x` to the HDF5 file together with the array data.

`set_h5dimnames` and `get_h5dimnames` are low-level utilities that can be used to attach existing HDF5 datasets along the dimensions of a given HDF5 dataset, or to retrieve the names of the HDF5 datasets that are attached along the dimensions of a given HDF5 dataset.

### Usage

```
h5writeDimnames(dimnames, filepath, name, group=NA, h5dimnames=NULL)
h5readDimnames(filepath, name, as.character=FALSE)
```

```
set_h5dimnames(filepath, name, h5dimnames, dry.run=FALSE)
get_h5dimnames(filepath, name)
```

### Arguments

<code>dimnames</code>	The dimnames to write to the HDF5 file. Must be supplied as a list (possibly named) with one list element per dimension in the HDF5 dataset specified via the <code>name</code> argument. Each list element in <code>dimnames</code> must be an atomic vector or a <code>NULL</code> . When not a <code>NULL</code> , its length must equal the extent of the corresponding dimension in the HDF5 dataset.
<code>filepath</code>	For <code>h5writeDimnames</code> and <code>h5readDimnames</code> : The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where the dimnames should be written to or read from. For <code>set_h5dimnames</code> and <code>get_h5dimnames</code> : The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where to set or get the <i>h5dimnames</i> .
<code>name</code>	For <code>h5writeDimnames</code> and <code>h5readDimnames</code> : The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file for which the dimnames should be written or read. For <code>set_h5dimnames</code> and <code>get_h5dimnames</code> : The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file for which to set or get the <i>h5dimnames</i> .
<code>group</code>	<code>NA</code> (the default) or the name of the HDF5 group where to write the dimnames. If set to <code>NA</code> then the group name is automatically generated from <code>name</code> . If set to the empty string ( <code>""</code> ) then no group will be used. Except when <code>group</code> is set to the empty string, the names in <code>h5dimnames</code> (see below) must be relative to the group.
<code>h5dimnames</code>	For <code>h5writeDimnames</code> : <code>NULL</code> (the default) or a character vector containing the names of the HDF5 datasets (one per list element in <code>dimnames</code> ) where to write the dimnames. Names associated with <code>NULL</code> list elements in <code>dimnames</code> are ignored and should typically be <code>NA</code> s. If set to <code>NULL</code> then the names are automatically set to numbers indicating the associated dimensions ( <code>"1"</code> for the first dimension, <code>"2"</code> for the second, etc...) For <code>set_h5dimnames</code> : A character vector containing the names of the HDF5 datasets to attach as dimnames of the dataset specified in <code>name</code> . The vector must

	have one element per dimension in dataset name. NAs are allowed and indicate dimensions along which nothing should be attached.
as.character	Even though the dimnames of an HDF5 dataset are usually stored as datasets of type "character" (H5 datatype "H5T_STRING") in the HDF5 file, this is not a requirement. By default h5readDimnames will return them <i>as-is</i> . Set as.character to TRUE to make sure that they are returned as character vectors. See example below.
dry.run	When set to TRUE, set_h5dimnames doesn't make any change to the HDF5 file but will still raise errors if the operation cannot be done.

### Value

h5writeDimnames and set\_h5dimnames return nothing.

h5readDimnames returns a list (possibly named) with one list element per dimension in HDF5 dataset name and containing its dimnames retrieved from the file.

get\_h5dimnames returns a character vector containing the names of the HDF5 datasets that are currently set as the dimnames of the dataset specified in name. The vector has one element per dimension in dataset name. NAs in the vector indicate dimensions along which nothing is set.

### See Also

- [writeHDF5Array](#) for a high-level function to write an array-like object and its dimnames to an HDF5 file.
- [h5write](#) in the **rhdf5** package that h5writeDimnames uses internally to write the dimnames to the HDF5 file.
- [h5mread](#) in this package (**HDF5Array**) that h5readDimnames uses internally to read the dimnames from the HDF5 file.
- [h5ls](#) in the **rhdf5** package.
- [HDF5Array](#) objects.

### Examples

```
## -----
## BASIC EXAMPLE
## -----
library(rhdf5) # for h5write() and h5ls()

m0 <- matrix(1:60, ncol=5)
colnames(m0) <- LETTERS[1:5]

h5file <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
h5write(m0, h5file, "M0") # h5write() ignores the dimnames
h5ls(h5file)

h5writeDimnames(dimnames(m0), h5file, "M0")
h5ls(h5file)

get_h5dimnames(h5file, "M0")
h5readDimnames(h5file, "M0")

## Reconstruct 'm0' from HDF5 file:
m1 <- h5mread(h5file, "M0")
```



```

dimnames(m1) <- h5readDimnames(h5file, "M0")
stopifnot(identical(m0, m1))

## Create an HDF5Array object that points to HDF5 dataset M0:
HDF5Array(h5file, "M0")

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), h5readDimnames(h5file, "M0")))
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), dimnames(HDF5Array(h5file, "M0"))))

## -----
## SHARED DIMNAMES
## -----
## If a collection of HDF5 datasets share the same dimnames, the
## dimnames only need to be written once in the HDF5 file. Then they
## can be attached to the individual datasets with set_h5dimnames():

h5write(array(runif(240), c(12, 5:4)), h5file, "A1")
set_h5dimnames(h5file, "A1", get_h5dimnames(h5file, "M0"))
get_h5dimnames(h5file, "A1")
h5readDimnames(h5file, "A1")
HDF5Array(h5file, "A1")

h5write(matrix(sample(letters, 60, replace=TRUE), ncol=5), h5file, "A2")
set_h5dimnames(h5file, "A2", get_h5dimnames(h5file, "M0"))
get_h5dimnames(h5file, "A2")
h5readDimnames(h5file, "A2")
HDF5Array(h5file, "A2")

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), h5readDimnames(h5file, "A1")[1:2]))
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), h5readDimnames(h5file, "A2")))

## -----
## USE h5writeDimnames() AFTER A CALL TO writeHDF5Array()
## -----
## After calling writeHDF5Array(x, ..., with.dimnames=FALSE) the
## dimnames on 'x' can still be written to the HDF5 file by doing the
## following:

## 1. Write 'm0' to the HDF5 file and ignore the dimnames (for now):
writeHDF5Array(m0, h5file, "M2")

## 2. Use h5writeDimnames() to write 'dimnames(m0)' to the file and
## associate them with the "M2" dataset:
h5writeDimnames(dimnames(m0), h5file, "M2")

## 3. Use the HDF5Array() constructor to make an HDF5Array object that
## points to the "M2" dataset:
HDF5Array(h5file, "M2")

## Note that at step 2. you can use the extra arguments of
## h5writeDimnames() to take full control of where the dimnames
## should be stored in the file:
writeHDF5Array(m0, h5file, "M3")
h5writeDimnames(dimnames(m0), h5file, "M3",
                group="a_secret_place", h5dimnames=c("NA", "M3_dim2"))

```

```

h5ls(h5file)
## h5readDimnames() and HDF5Array() still "finds" the dimnames:
h5readDimnames(h5file, "M3")
HDF5Array(h5file, "M3")

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), h5readDimnames(h5file, "M3")))
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(m0), dimnames(HDF5Array(h5file, "M3"))))

## -----
## STORE THE DIMNAMES AS NON-CHARACTER TYPES
## -----
writeHDF5Array(m0, h5file, "M4")
dimnames <- list(1001:1012, as.raw(11:15))
h5writeDimnames(dimnames, h5file, "M4")
h5ls(h5file)

h5readDimnames(h5file, "M4")
h5readDimnames(h5file, "M4", as.character=TRUE)

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(identical(dimnames, h5readDimnames(h5file, "M4")))
dimnames(m0) <- dimnames
stopifnot(identical(
  dimnames(m0),
  h5readDimnames(h5file, "M4", as.character=TRUE)
))

```

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HDF5-dump-management    *HDF5 dump management*

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## Description

A set of utilities to control the location and physical properties of automatically created HDF5 datasets.

## Usage

```

setHDF5DumpDir(dir)
setHDF5DumpFile(filepath)
setHDF5DumpName(name)
setHDF5DumpChunkLength(length=1000000L)
setHDF5DumpChunkShape(shape="scale")
setHDF5DumpCompressionLevel(level=6L)

getHDF5DumpDir()
getHDF5DumpFile(for.use=FALSE)
getHDF5DumpName(for.use=FALSE)
getHDF5DumpChunkLength()
getHDF5DumpChunkShape()
getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel()

lsHDF5DumpFile()

```

```

showHDF5DumpLog()

## For developers:
getHDF5DumpChunkDim(dim)
appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog(filepath, name, dim, type,
                                     chunkdim, level)

```

### Arguments

dir	The path (as a single string) to the current <i>HDF5 dump directory</i> , that is, to the (new or existing) directory where <i>HDF5 dump files</i> with automatic names will be created. This is ignored if the user specified an <i>HDF5 dump file</i> with <code>setHDF5DumpFile</code> . If <code>dir</code> is missing, then the <i>HDF5 dump directory</i> is set back to its default value i.e. to some directory under <code>tempdir()</code> (call <code>getHDF5DumpDir()</code> to get the exact path).
filepath	For <code>setHDF5DumpFile</code> : The path (as a single string) to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> , that is, to the (new or existing) HDF5 file where the <i>next automatic HDF5 datasets</i> will be written. If <code>filepath</code> is missing, then a new file with an automatic name will be created (in <code>getHDF5DumpDir()</code> ) and used for each new dataset. For <code>appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog</code> : See the Note TO DEVELOPERS below.
name	For <code>setHDF5DumpName</code> : The name of the <i>next automatic HDF5 dataset</i> to be written to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> . For <code>appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog</code> : See the Note TO DEVELOPERS below.
length	The maximum length of the physical chunks of the <i>next automatic HDF5 dataset</i> to be written to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> .
shape	A string specifying the shape of the physical chunks of the <i>next automatic HDF5 dataset</i> to be written to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> . See <a href="#">makeCappedVolumeBox</a> in the <b>DelayedArray</b> package for a description of the supported shapes.
level	For <code>setHDF5DumpCompressionLevel</code> : The compression level to use for writing <i>automatic HDF5 datasets</i> to disk. See the <code>level</code> argument in <code>?rhdf5::h5createDataset</code> (in the <b>rhdf5</b> package) for more information about this. For <code>appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog</code> : See the Note TO DEVELOPERS below.
for.use	Whether the returned file or dataset name is for use by the caller or not. See below for the details.
dim	The dimensions of the HDF5 dataset to be written to disk, that is, an integer vector of length one or more giving the maximal indices in each dimension. See the <code>dims</code> argument in <code>?rhdf5::h5createDataset</code> (in the <b>rhdf5</b> package) for more information about this.
type	The type (a.k.a. storage mode) of the data to be written to disk. Can be obtained with <code>type()</code> on an array-like object (which is equivalent to <code>storage.mode()</code> or <code>typeof()</code> on an ordinary array). This is typically what an application writing datasets to the <i>HDF5 dump</i> should pass to the <code>storage.mode</code> argument of its call to <code>rhdf5::h5createDataset</code> . See the Note TO DEVELOPERS below for more information.
chunkdim	The dimensions of the chunks.

## Details

Calling `getHDF5DumpFile()` and `getHDF5DumpName()` with no argument should be *informative* only i.e. it's a mean for the user to know where the *next automatic HDF5 dataset* will be written. Since a given file/name combination can be used only once, the user should be careful to not use that combination to explicitly create an HDF5 dataset because that would get in the way of the creation of the *next automatic HDF5 dataset*. See the Note TO DEVELOPERS below if you actually need to use this file/name combination.

`lsHDF5DumpFile()` is a just convenience wrapper for `rhdf5::h5ls(getHDF5DumpFile())`.

## Value

`getHDF5DumpDir` returns the absolute path to the directory where *HDF5 dump files* with automatic names will be created. Only meaningful if the user did NOT specify an *HDF5 dump file* with `setHDF5DumpFile`.

`getHDF5DumpFile` returns the absolute path to the HDF5 file where the *next automatic HDF5 dataset* will be written.

`getHDF5DumpName` returns the name of the *next automatic HDF5 dataset*.

`getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel` returns the compression level currently used for writing *automatic HDF5 datasets* to disk.

`showHDF5DumpLog` returns the dump log in an invisible data frame.

`getHDF5DumpChunkDim` returns the dimensions of the physical chunks that will be used to write the dataset to disk.

## Note

TO DEVELOPERS:

If your application needs to write its own dataset to the *HDF5 dump* then it should:

1. Get a file/name combination by calling `getHDF5DumpFile(for.use=TRUE)` and `getHDF5DumpName(for.use=TRUE)`.
2. [OPTIONAL] Call `getHDF5DumpChunkDim(dim)` to get reasonable chunk dimensions to use for writing the dataset to disk. Or choose your own chunk dimensions.
3. Add an entry to the dump log by calling `appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog`. Typically, this should be done right after creating the dataset (e.g. with `rhdf5::h5createDataset`) and before starting to write the dataset to disk. The values passed to `appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog` via the `filepath`, `name`, `dim`, `type`, `chunkdim`, and `level` arguments should be those that were passed to `rhdf5::h5createDataset` via the `file`, `dataset`, `dims`, `storage.mode`, `chunk`, and `level` arguments, respectively. Note that `appendDatasetCreationToHDF5DumpLog` uses a lock mechanism so is safe to use in the context of parallel execution.

This is actually what the coercion method to [HDF5Array](#) does internally.

## See Also

- [writeHDF5Array](#) for writing an array-like object to an HDF5 file.
- [HDF5Array](#) objects.
- The [h5ls](#) function in the **rhdf5** package, on which `lsHDF5DumpFile` is based.
- [makeCappedVolumeBox](#) in the **DelayedArray** package.
- [type](#) in the **DelayedArray** package.

**Examples**

```

getHDF5DumpDir()
getHDF5DumpFile()

## Use setHDF5DumpFile() to change the current HDF5 dump file.
## If the specified file exists, then it must be in HDF5 format or
## an error will be raised. If it doesn't exist, then it will be
## created.
setHDF5DumpFile("path/to/some/HDF5/file")

lsHDF5DumpFile()

a <- array(1:600, c(150, 4))
A <- as(a, "HDF5Array")
lsHDF5DumpFile()
A

b <- array(runif(6000), c(4, 2, 150))
B <- as(b, "HDF5Array")
lsHDF5DumpFile()
B

C <- (log(2 * A + 0.88) - 5)^3 * t(B[, 1, ])
as(C, "HDF5Array") # realize C on disk
lsHDF5DumpFile()

## Matrix multiplication is not delayed: the output matrix is realized
## block by block. The current "realization backend" controls where
## realization happens e.g. in memory if set to NULL or in an HDF5 file
## if set to "HDF5Array". See '?realize' in the DelayedArray package for
## more information about "realization backends".
setAutoRealizationBackend("HDF5Array")
m <- matrix(runif(20), nrow=4)
P <- C %*% m
lsHDF5DumpFile()

## See all the HDF5 datasets created in the current session so far:
showHDF5DumpLog()

## Wrap the call in suppressMessages() if you are only interested in the
## data frame version of the dump log:
dump_log <- suppressMessages(showHDF5DumpLog())
dump_log

```

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HDF5Array-class

*HDF5 datasets as DelayedArray objects*


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**Description**

The HDF5Array class is a [DelayedArray](#) subclass for representing a conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 dataset.

All the operations available for [DelayedArray](#) objects work on HDF5Array objects.

**Usage**

```
## Constructor function:
HDF5Array(filepath, name, as.sparse=FALSE, type=NA)
```

**Arguments**

filepath	The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where the dataset is located.
name	The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.
as.sparse	Whether the HDF5 dataset should be flagged as sparse or not, that is, whether it should be considered sparse (and treated as such) or not. Note that HDF5 doesn't natively support sparse storage at the moment so HDF5 datasets cannot be stored in a sparse format, only in a dense one. However a dataset stored in a dense format can still contain a lot of zeroes. Using <code>as.sparse=TRUE</code> on such dataset will enable some optimizations that can lead to a lower memory footprint (and possibly better performance) when operating on the <code>HDF5Array</code> .  IMPORTANT NOTE: If the dataset is in the 10x Genomics format (i.e. if it uses the HDF5-based sparse matrix representation from 10x Genomics), you should use the <code>TENxMatrix()</code> constructor instead of the <code>HDF5Array()</code> constructor.
type	By default the <code>type</code> of the returned object is inferred from the H5 datatype of the HDF5 dataset. This can be overridden by specifying the <code>type</code> argument. The specified type must be an <i>R atomic type</i> (e.g. "integer") or "list".

**Value**

An `HDF5Array` object.

**Note**

The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset and other datasets published by 10x Genomics use an HDF5-based sparse matrix representation instead of the conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 representation.

If your dataset uses the conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 representation, use the `HDF5Array()` constructor.

If your dataset uses the HDF5-based sparse matrix representation from 10x Genomics, use the `TENxMatrix()` constructor.

**See Also**

- `TENxMatrix` objects for representing 10x Genomics datasets as `DelayedMatrix` objects.
- `ReshapedHDF5Array` objects for representing HDF5 datasets as `DelayedArray` objects with a user-supplied upfront virtual reshaping.
- `DelayedArray` objects in the `DelayedArray` package.
- `writeHDF5Array` for writing an array-like object to an HDF5 file.
- `HDF5-dump-management` for controlling the location and physical properties of automatically created HDF5 datasets.
- `saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment` and `loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment` in this package (the `HDF5Array` package) for saving/loading an HDF5-based `SummarizedExperiment` object to/from disk.
- The `HDF5ArraySeed` helper class.
- `h5ls` in the `rhdf5` package.

**Examples**

```

## -----
## CONSTRUCTION
## -----

toy_h5 <- system.file("extdata", "toy.h5", package="HDF5Array")
library(rhdf5) # for h5ls()
h5ls(toy_h5)

HDF5Array(toy_h5, "M2")
HDF5Array(toy_h5, "M2", type="integer")
HDF5Array(toy_h5, "M2", type="complex")

library(h5vcData)
tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
                          package="h5vcData")
h5ls(tally_file)

## Pick up "Coverages" dataset for Human chromosome 16:
name <- "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages"
cvg <- HDF5Array(tally_file, name)
cvg

is(cvg, "DelayedArray") # TRUE
seed(cvg)
path(cvg)
chunkdim(cvg)

## The data in the dataset looks sparse. In this case it is recommended
## to set 'as.sparse' to TRUE when constructing the HDF5Array object.
## This will make block processing (used in operations like sum()) more
## memory efficient and likely faster:
cvg0 <- HDF5Array(tally_file, name, as.sparse=TRUE)
is_sparse(cvg0) # TRUE

## Note that we can also flag the HDF5Array object as sparse after
## creation:
is_sparse(cvg) <- TRUE
cvg # same as 'cvg0'

## -----
## dim/dimnames
## -----
dim(cvg0)

dimnames(cvg0)
dimnames(cvg0) <- list(paste0("s", 1:6), c("+", "-"), NULL)
dimnames(cvg0)

## -----
## SLICING (A.K.A. SUBSETTING)
## -----
cvg1 <- cvg0[ , , 29000001:29000007]
cvg1

dim(cvg1)

```

```

as.array(cv1)
stopifnot(identical(dim(as.array(cv1)), dim(cv1)))
stopifnot(identical(dimnames(as.array(cv1)), dimnames(cv1)))

cv2 <- cvg0[ , "+", 29000001:29000007]
cv2
as.matrix(cv2)

## -----
## SummarizedExperiment OBJECTS WITH DELAYED ASSAYS
## -----

## DelayedArray objects can be used inside a SummarizedExperiment object
## to hold the assay data and to delay operations on them.

library(SummarizedExperiment)

pcvg <- cvg0[ , 1, ] # coverage on plus strand
mcvg <- cvg0[ , 2, ] # coverage on minus strand

nrow(pcvg) # nb of samples
ncol(pcvg) # length of Human chromosome 16

## The convention for a SummarizedExperiment object is to have 1 column
## per sample so first we need to transpose 'pcvg' and 'mcvg':
pcvg <- t(pcvg)
mcvg <- t(mcvg)
se <- SummarizedExperiment(list(pcvg=pcvg, mcvg=mcvg))
se
stopifnot(validObject(se, complete=TRUE))

## A GPos object can be used to represent the genomic positions along
## the dataset:
gpos <- GPos(GRanges("16", IRanges(1, nrow(se))))
gpos
rowRanges(se) <- gpos
se
stopifnot(validObject(se))
assays(se)$pcvg
assays(se)$mcvg

```

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HDF5ArraySeed-class    *HDF5ArraySeed objects*

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## Description

HDF5ArraySeed is a low-level helper class for representing a pointer to an HDF5 dataset. HDF5ArraySeed objects are not intended to be used directly. Most end users should create and manipulate [HDF5Array](#) objects instead. See [?HDF5Array](#) for more information.

## Usage

```
## Constructor function:
HDF5ArraySeed(filepath, name, as.sparse=FALSE, type=NA)
```



## Arguments

filepath, name, as.sparse, type

See [?HDF5Array](#) for a description of these arguments.

## Details

No operation can be performed directly on an HDF5ArraySeed object. It first needs to be wrapped in a [DelayedArray](#) object. The result of this wrapping is an [HDF5Array](#) object (an [HDF5Array](#) object is just an HDF5ArraySeed object wrapped in a [DelayedArray](#) object).

## Value

An HDF5ArraySeed object.

## See Also

- [HDF5Array](#) objects.
- [h5ls](#) in the **rhdf5** package.

## Examples

```
library(h5vcData)
tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
                          package="h5vcData")

library(rhdf5) # for h5ls()
h5ls(tally_file)

name <- "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages" # name of the dataset of interest
seed1 <- HDF5ArraySeed(tally_file, name)
seed1
path(seed1)
dim(seed1)
chunkdim(seed1)

seed2 <- HDF5ArraySeed(tally_file, name, as.sparse=TRUE)
seed2

## Alternatively:
is_sparse(seed1) <- TRUE
seed1 # same as 'seed2'
```

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ReshapedHDF5Array-class

*Virtually reshaped HDF5 datasets as DelayedArray objects*

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## Description

The ReshapedHDF5Array class is a [DelayedArray](#) subclass for representing an HDF5 dataset with a user-supplied upfront virtual reshaping.

All the operations available for [DelayedArray](#) objects work on ReshapedHDF5Array objects.

**Usage**

```
## Constructor function:
ReshapedHDF5Array(filepath, name, dim, type=NA)
```

**Arguments**

filepath, name, type  
See [?HDF5Array](#) for a description of these arguments.

dim  
A vector of dimensions that describes the virtual reshaping i.e. the reshaping that is virtually applied upfront to the HDF5 dataset when the ReshapedHDF5Array object gets constructed.

Note that the HDF5 dataset is treated as read-only so is not *effectively* reshaped, that is, the dataset dimensions encoded in the HDF5 file are not modified.

Also please note that arbitrary reshapings are not supported. Only reshapings that reduce the number of dimensions by collapsing a group of consecutive dimensions into a single dimension are supported. For example, reshaping a 10 x 3 x 5 x 1000 array as a 10 x 15 x 1000 array or as a 150 x 1000 matrix is supported.

**Value**

A ReshapedHDF5Array object.

**See Also**

- [HDF5Array](#) objects for representing HDF5 datasets as [DelayedArray](#) objects without upfront virtual reshaping.
- [DelayedArray](#) objects in the **DelayedArray** package.
- [writeHDF5Array](#) for writing an array-like object to an HDF5 file.
- [saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment](#) and [loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment](#) in this package (the **HDF5Array** package) for saving/loading an HDF5-based [SummarizedExperiment](#) object to/from disk.
- The [ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed](#) helper class.
- [h5ls](#) in the **rhdf5** package.

**Examples**

```
library(h5vcData)
tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
                          package="h5vcData")

library(rhdf5) # for h5ls()
h5ls(tally_file)

## Pick up "Coverages" dataset for Human chromosome 16 and collapse its
## first 2 dimensions:
cvg <- ReshapedHDF5Array(tally_file, "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages",
                        dim=c(12, 90354753))

cvg

is(cvg, "DelayedArray") # TRUE
seed(cvg)
```

```
path(cvg)
dim(cvg)
chunkdim(cvg)
```

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ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed-class

*ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed objects*


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## Description

ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed is a low-level helper class for representing a pointer to a virtually reshaped HDF5 dataset.

ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed objects are not intended to be used directly. Most end users should create and manipulate [ReshapedHDF5Array](#) objects instead. See [?ReshapedHDF5Array](#) for more information.

## Usage

```
## Constructor function:
ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed(filepath, name, dim, type=NA)
```

## Arguments

```
filepath, name, dim, type
      See ?ReshapedHDF5Array for a description of these arguments.
```

## Details

No operation can be performed directly on a ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed object. It first needs to be wrapped in a [DelayedArray](#) object. The result of this wrapping is a [ReshapedHDF5Array](#) object (a [ReshapedHDF5Array](#) object is just a ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed object wrapped in a [DelayedArray](#) object).

## Value

A ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed object.

## See Also

- [ReshapedHDF5Array](#) objects.
- [h5ls](#) in the **rhdf5** package.

## Examples

```
library(h5vcData)
tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
                          package="h5vcData")

library(rhdf5) # for h5ls()
h5ls(tally_file)

## Collapse the first 2 dimensions:
```

```
seed <- ReshapedHDF5ArraySeed(tally_file, "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages",
                             dim=c(12, 90354753))

seed
path(seed)
dim(seed)
chunkdim(seed)
```

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```
saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment
```

*Save/load an HDF5-based SummarizedExperiment object*

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## Description

saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment and loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment can be used to save/load an HDF5-based [SummarizedExperiment](#) object to/from disk.

NOTE: These functions use functionalities from the **SummarizedExperiment** package internally and so require this package to be installed.

## Usage

```
saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(x, dir="my_h5_se", prefix="", replace=FALSE,
                             chunkdim=NULL, level=NULL, as.sparse=NA,
                             verbose=NA)
```

```
loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir="my_h5_se", prefix="")
```

```
quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(x, verbose=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| x               | A <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> object or derivative.<br>For quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment the object must have been previously saved with saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment (and has been possibly modified since then).   |
| dir             | The path (as a single string) to the directory where to save the HDF5-based <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> object or to load it from.<br>When saving, the directory will be created if it doesn't already exist. If the directory already exists and no prefix is specified and replace is set to TRUE, then it's replaced with an empty directory. |
| prefix          | An optional prefix to add to the names of the files created inside dir. Allows saving more than one object in the same directory.   |
| replace         | When no prefix is specified, should a pre-existing directory be replaced with a new empty one? The content of the pre-existing directory will be lost!  |
| chunkdim, level | The dimensions of the chunks and the compression level to use for writing the assay data to disk.<br>Passed to the internal calls to writeHDF5Array. See <a href="#">?writeHDF5Array</a> for more information.  |

as.sparse	Whether the assay data should be flagged as sparse or not. If set to NA (the default), then the specific as.sparse value to use for each assay is determined by calling is_sparse() on them. Passed to the internal calls to writeHDF5Array. See ?writeHDF5Array for more information and an IMPORTANT NOTE.
verbose	Set to TRUE to make the function display progress. In the case of saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(), verbose is set to NA by default, in which case verbosity is controlled by DelayedArray::get_verbose_block_processing(). Setting verbose to TRUE or FALSE overrides this.

## Details

saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(): Creates the directory specified thru the dir argument and populates it with the HDF5 datasets (one per assay in x) plus a serialized version of x that contains pointers to these datasets. This directory provides a self-contained HDF5-based representation of x that can then be loaded back in R with loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment.

Note that this directory is *relocatable* i.e. it can be moved (or copied) to a different place, on the same or a different computer, before calling loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment on it. For convenient sharing with collaborators, it is suggested to turn it into a tarball (with Unix command tar), or zip file, before the transfer.

Please keep in mind that saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment and loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment don't know how to produce/read tarballs or zip files at the moment, so the process of packaging/extracting the tarball or zip file is entirely the user responsibility. This is typically done from outside R.

Finally please note that, depending on the size of the data to write to disk and the performance of the disk, saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment can take a long time to complete. Use verbose=TRUE to see its progress.

loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(): Typically very fast, even if the assay data is big, because all the assays in the returned object are HDF5Array objects pointing to the on-disk HDF5 datasets located in dir. HDF5Array objects are typically light-weight in memory.

quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(): Preserves the HDF5 file and datasets that the assays in x are already pointing to (and which were created by an earlier call to saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment). All it does is re-serialize x on top of the .rds file that is associated with this HDF5 file (and which was created by an earlier call to saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment or quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment). Because the delayed operations possibly carried by the assays in x are not realized, this is very fast.

## Value

saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment returns an invisible SummarizedExperiment object that is the same as what loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment will return when loading back the object. All the assays in the object are HDF5Array objects pointing to datasets in the HDF5 file saved in dir.

## Difference between saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment() and saveRDS()

Roughly speaking, saveRDS() only serializes the part of an object that resides in memory (the reality is a little bit more nuanced, but discussing the full details is not important here, and would only distract us). For most objects in R, that's the whole object, so saveRDS() does the job.

However some objects are pointing to on-disk data. For example: a TxDb object (the TxDb class is implemented and documented in the GenomicFeatures package) points to an SQLite db; an HDF5Array object points to a dataset in an HDF5 file; a SummarizedExperiment derivative can

have one or more of its assays that point to datasets (one per assay) in an HDF5 file. These objects have 2 parts: one part is in memory, and one part is on disk. The 1st part is sometimes called the *object shell* and is generally thin (i.e. it has a small memory footprint). The 2nd part is the data and is typically big. The object shell and data are linked together via some kind of pointer stored in the shell (e.g. an SQLite connection, or a path to a file, etc...). Note that this is a *one way link* in the sense that the object shell "knows" where to find the on-disk data but the on-disk data knows nothing about the object shell (and is completely agnostic about what kind of object shell could be pointing to it). Furthermore, at any given time on a given system, there could be more than one object shell pointing to the same on-disk data. These object shells could exist in the same R session or in sessions in other languages (e.g. Python). These various sessions could be run by the same or by different users.

Using `saveRDS()` on such object will only serialize the shell part so will produce a small `.rds` file that contains the serialized object shell but not the object data.

This is problematic because:

1. If you later unserialize the object (with `readRDS()`) on the same system where you originally serialized it, it is possible that you will get back an object that is fully functional and semantically equivalent to the original object. But here is the catch: this will be the case **ONLY** if the data is still at the original location and has not been modified (i.e. nobody wrote or altered the data in the SQLite db or HDF5 file in the mean time), and if the serialization/unserialization cycle didn't break the link between the object shell and the data (this serialization/unserialization cycle is known to break open SQLite connections).
2. After serialization the object shell and data are stored in separate files (in the new `.rds` file for the shell, still in the original SQLite or HDF5 file for the data), typically in very different places on the file system. But these 2 files are not relocatable, that is, moving or copying them to another system or sending them to collaborators will typically break the link between them. Concretely this means that the object obtained by using `readRDS()` on the destination system will be broken.

`saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment()` addresses these issues by saving the object shell and assay data in a folder that is relocatable.

Note that it only works on [SummarizedExperiment](#) derivatives. What it does exactly is (1) write all the assay data to an HDF5 file, and (2) serialize the object shell, which in this case is everything in the object that is not the assay data. The 2 files (HDF5 and `.rds`) are written to the directory specified by the user. The resulting directory contains a full representation of the object and is relocatable, that is, it can be moved or copied to another place on the system, or to another system (possibly after making a tarball of it), where `loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment()` can then be used to load the object back in R.

### Note

The files created by `saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment` in the user-specified directory `dir` should not be renamed.

The user-specified *directory* created by `saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment` is relocatable i.e. it can be renamed and/or moved around, but not the individual files in it.

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**See Also**

- [SummarizedExperiment](#) and [RangedSummarizedExperiment](#) objects in the **SummarizedExperiment** package.
- The [writeHDF5Array](#) function which `saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment` uses internally to write the assay data to disk.
- `base::saveRDS`

**Examples**

```
## -----
## saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment() / loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment()
## -----
library(SummarizedExperiment)

nrow <- 200
ncol <- 6
counts <- matrix(as.integer(runif(nrow * ncol, 1, 1e4)), nrow)
colData <- DataFrame(Treatment=rep(c("ChIP", "Input"), 3),
                    row.names=LETTERS[1:6])
se0 <- SummarizedExperiment(assays=list(counts=counts), colData=colData)
se0

## Save 'se0' as an HDF5-based SummarizedExperiment object:
dir <- tempfile("h5_se0_")
h5_se0 <- saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(se0, dir)
list.files(dir)

h5_se0
assay(h5_se0, withDimnames=FALSE) # HDF5Matrix object

h5_se0b <- loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir)
h5_se0b
assay(h5_se0b, withDimnames=FALSE) # HDF5Matrix object

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(is(assay(h5_se0, withDimnames=FALSE), "HDF5Matrix"))
stopifnot(identical(assay(se0), as.matrix(assay(h5_se0))))
stopifnot(is(assay(h5_se0b, withDimnames=FALSE), "HDF5Matrix"))
stopifnot(identical(assay(se0), as.matrix(assay(h5_se0b))))

## -----
## More sanity checks
## -----

## Make a copy of directory 'dir':
somedir <- tempfile("somedir")
dir.create(somedir)
file.copy(dir, somedir, recursive=TRUE)
dir2 <- list.files(somedir, full.names=TRUE)

## 'dir2' contains a copy of 'dir'. Call loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment()
## on it.
h5_se0c <- loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir2)

stopifnot(is(assay(h5_se0c, withDimnames=FALSE), "HDF5Matrix"))
stopifnot(identical(assay(se0), as.matrix(assay(h5_se0c))))
```

```

## -----
## Using a prefix
## -----

se1 <- se0[51:100, ]
saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(se1, dir, prefix="xx_")
list.files(dir)
loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir, prefix="xx_")

## -----
## quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment()
## -----

se2 <- loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir, prefix="xx_")
se2 <- se2[1:14, ]
assay1 <- assay(se2, withDimnames=FALSE)
assays(se2, withDimnames=FALSE) <- c(assays(se2), list(score=assay1/100))
rowRanges(se2) <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(1:14, width=5))
rownames(se2) <- letters[1:14]
se2

## This will replace saved 'se1'!
quickResaveHDF5SummarizedExperiment(se2, verbose=TRUE)
list.files(dir)
loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment(dir, prefix="xx_")

```

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TENxMatrix-class

*10x Genomics datasets as DelayedMatrix objects*


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## Description

The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset and other datasets published by 10x Genomics use an HDF5-based sparse matrix representation instead of the conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 representation.

The TENxMatrix class is a [DelayedMatrix](#) subclass for representing an HDF5-based sparse matrix like one used by 10x Genomics for the 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset.

All the operations available for [DelayedMatrix](#) objects work on TENxMatrix objects.

## Usage

```

## Constructor functions:
TENxMatrix(filepath, group="mm10")

## sparsity() and a convenient data extractor:
sparsity(x)
extractNonzeroDataByCol(x, j)

```

## Arguments

filepath	The path (as a single string) to the HDF5 file where the 10x Genomics dataset is located.
group	The name of the group in the HDF5 file containing the 10x Genomics data.
x	A TENxMatrix (or <a href="#">TENxMatrixSeed</a> ) object.
j	An integer vector containing valid column indices.



**Value**

TENxMatrix: A TENxMatrix object.

sparsity: The number of zero-valued matrix elements in the object divided by its total number of elements (a.k.a. its length).

extractNonzeroDataByCol: A [NumericList](#) or [IntegerList](#) object *parallel* to *j* i.e. with one list element per column index in *j*. The row indices of the values are not returned. Furthermore, the values within a given list element can be returned in any order. In particular you should not assume that they are ordered by ascending row index.

**Note**

If your dataset uses the HDF5-based sparse matrix representation from 10x Genomics, use the `TENxMatrix()` constructor.

If your dataset uses the conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 representation, use the `HDF5Array()` constructor.

**See Also**

- [HDF5Array](#) objects for representing conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 datasets as [DelayedArray](#) objects.
- [DelayedMatrix](#) objects in the **DelayedArray** package.
- `writeTENxMatrix` for writing a matrix-like object as an HDF5-based sparse matrix.
- The [TENxBrainData](#) dataset (in the **TENxBrainData** package).
- `detectCores` from the **parallel** package.
- `setAutoBPPARAM` and `setAutoBlockSize` in the **DelayedArray** package.
- `colAutoGrid` and `blockApply` in the **DelayedArray** package.
- The [TENxMatrixSeed](#) helper class.
- `h5ls` in the **rhdf5** package.
- [NumericList](#) and [IntegerList](#) objects in the **IRanges** package.

**Examples**

```
## -----
## THE "1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset" AS A DelayedMatrix OBJECT
## -----

## The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset from 10x Genomics is available
## via ExperimentHub:

library(ExperimentHub)
hub <- ExperimentHub()
query(hub, "TENxBrainData")
fname <- hub[["EH1039"]]

## The structure of this HDF5 file can be seen using the h5ls() command
## from the rhdf5 package:
library(rhdf5)
h5ls(fname)

## The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset is represented by the "mm10"
```

```

## group. We point the TENxMatrix() constructor to this group to
## create a TENxMatrix object representing the dataset:
oneM <- TENxMatrix(fname, "mm10")
oneM

is(oneM, "DelayedMatrix") # TRUE
seed(oneM)
path(oneM)
sparsity(oneM)

## Some examples of delayed operations:
oneM != 0
oneM^2

## -----
## SOME EXAMPLES OF ROW/COL SUMMARIZATION
## -----

## In order to reduce computation times, we'll use only the first
## 25000 columns of the 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset:
oneM25k <- oneM[ , 1:25000]

## Row/col summarization methods like rowSums() use a block-processing
## mechanism behind the scene that can be controlled via global
## settings. 2 important settings that can have a strong impact on
## performance are the automatic number of workers and automatic block
## size, controlled by setAutoBPPARAM() and setAutoBlockSize()
## respectively.
library(BiocParallel)
if (.Platform$OS.type != "windows") {
  ## On a modern Linux laptop with 8 cores (as reported by
  ## parallel::detectCores()) and 16 Gb of RAM, reasonably good
  ## performance is achieved by setting the automatic number of workers
  ## to 5 or 6 and the automatic block size between 300 Mb and 400 Mb:
  workers <- 5
  block_size <- 3e8 # 300 Mb
  setAutoBPPARAM(MulticoreParam(workers))
} else {
  ## MulticoreParam() is not supported on Windows so we use SnowParam()
  ## on this platform. Also we reduce the block size to 200 Mb on
  ## 32-bit Windows to avoid memory allocation problems (they tend to
  ## be common there because a process cannot use more than 3 Gb of
  ## memory).
  workers <- 4
  setAutoBPPARAM(SnowParam(workers))
  block_size <- if (.Platform$r_arch == "i386") 2e8 else 3e8
}
setAutoBlockSize(block_size)

## We're ready to compute the library sizes, number of genes expressed
## per cell, and average expression across cells:
system.time(lib_sizes <- colSums(oneM25k))
system.time(n_exprs <- colSums(oneM25k != 0))
system.time(ave_exprs <- rowMeans(oneM25k))

## Note that the 3 computations above load the data in oneM25k 3 times
## in memory. This can be avoided by computing the 3 summarizations in

```

```

## a single pass with blockApply(). First we define the function that
## we're going to apply to each block of data:
FUN <- function(block)
  list(colSums(block), colSums(block != 0), rowSums(block))

## Then we call blockApply() to apply FUN() to each block. The blocks
## are defined by the grid passed to the 'grid' argument. In this case
## we supply a grid made with colAutoGrid() to generate blocks of full
## columns (see ?colAutoGrid for more information):
system.time({
  block_results <- blockApply(oneM25k, FUN, grid=colAutoGrid(oneM25k),
                             verbose=TRUE)
})

## 'block_results' is a list with 1 list element per block in
## colAutoGrid(oneM25k). Each list element is the result that was
## obtained by applying FUN() on the block so is itself a list of
## length 3.
## Let's combine the results:
lib_sizes2 <- unlist(lapply(block_results, `[`, 1L))
n_exprs2 <- unlist(lapply(block_results, `[`, 2L))
block_rowsums <- unlist(lapply(block_results, `[`, 3L), use.names=FALSE)
tot_exprs <- rowSums(matrix(block_rowsums, nrow=nrow(oneM25k)))
ave_exprs2 <- setNames(tot_exprs / ncol(oneM25k), rownames(oneM25k))

## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(all.equal(lib_sizes, lib_sizes2))
stopifnot(all.equal(n_exprs, n_exprs2))
stopifnot(all.equal(ave_exprs, ave_exprs2))

## Turn off parallel evaluation and reset automatic block size to factory
## settings:
setAutoBPPARAM()
setAutoBlockSize()

## -----
## extractNonzeroDataByCol()
## -----

## extractNonzeroDataByCol() provides a convenient and very efficient
## way to extract the nonzero data in a compact form:
nonzeroes <- extractNonzeroDataByCol(oneM, 1:25000) # takes < 5 sec.

## The data is returned as an IntegerList object with one list element
## per column and no row indices associated to the values in the object.
## Furthermore, the values within a given list element can be returned
## in any order:
nonzeroes

names(nonzeroes) <- colnames(oneM25k)

## This can be used to compute some simple summaries like the library
## sizes and the number of genes expressed per cell. For these use
## cases, it is a lot more efficient than using colSums(oneM25k) and
## colSums(oneM25k != 0):
lib_sizes3 <- sum(nonzeroes)
n_exprs3 <- lengths(nonzeroes)

```

```
## Sanity checks:
stopifnot(all.equal(lib_sizes, lib_sizes3))
stopifnot(all.equal(n_exprs, n_exprs3))
```

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TENxMatrixSeed-class *TENxMatrixSeed objects*

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## Description

TENxMatrixSeed is a low-level helper class for representing a pointer to an HDF5-based sparse matrix like one used by 10x Genomics for the 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset. TENxMatrixSeed objects are not intended to be used directly. Most end users should create and manipulate [TENxMatrix](#) objects instead. See [?TENxMatrix](#) for more information.

## Usage

```
## Constructor function:
TENxMatrixSeed(filepath, group="mm10")
```

## Arguments

filepath, group

See [?TENxMatrix](#) for a description of these arguments.

## Details

No operation can be performed directly on a TENxMatrixSeed object. It first needs to be wrapped in a [DelayedMatrix](#) object. The result of this wrapping is a [TENxMatrix](#) object (a [TENxMatrix](#) object is just a TENxMatrixSeed object wrapped in a [DelayedMatrix](#) object).

## Value

TENxMatrixSeed() returns a TENxMatrixSeed object.

See [?TENxMatrix](#) for the value returned by sparsity() and extractNonzeroDataByCol().

## See Also

- [TENxMatrix](#) objects.
- The [rhdf5](#) package on top of which TENxMatrixSeed objects are implemented.
- The [TENxBrainData](#) dataset (in the [TENxBrainData](#) package).

## Examples

```
## The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset from 10x Genomics is available
## via ExperimentHub:
library(ExperimentHub)
hub <- ExperimentHub()
query(hub, "TENxBrainData")
fname <- hub[["EH1039"]]

## The structure of this HDF5 file can be seen using the h5ls() command
```

```
## from the rhdf5 package:
library(rhdf5)
h5ls(fname)

## The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset is represented by the "mm10"
## group. We point the TENxMatrixSeed() constructor to this group
## to create a TENxMatrixSeed object representing the dataset:
seed <- TENxMatrixSeed(fname, "mm10")
seed
path(seed)
dim(seed)
sparsity(seed)
```

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writeHDF5Array	<i>Write an array-like object to an HDF5 file</i>
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## Description

A function for writing an array-like object to an HDF5 file.

## Usage

```
writeHDF5Array(x, filepath=NULL, name=NULL,
               H5type=NULL, chunkdim=NULL, level=NULL, as.sparse=NA,
               with.dimnames=FALSE, verbose=NA)
```

## Arguments

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| x        | The array-like object to write to an HDF5 file.<br>If x is a <a href="#">DelayedArray</a> object, <code>writeHDF5Array</code> <i>realizes</i> it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed while the object is written to disk. See "On-disk realization of a DelayedArray object as an HDF5 dataset" section below for more information.  |
| filepath | NULL or the path (as a single string) to the (new or existing) HDF5 file where to write the dataset. If NULL, then the dataset will be written to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> i.e. to the file whose path is <a href="#">getHDF5DumpFile</a> .   |
| name     | NULL or the name of the HDF5 dataset to write. If NULL, then the name returned by <a href="#">getHDF5DumpName</a> will be used.  |
| H5type   | The H5 datatype to use for the HDF5 dataset to be written to the HDF5 file is automatically inferred from the type of x ( <code>type(x)</code> ). Advanced users can override this by specifying the H5 datatype they want via the <code>H5type</code> argument. See <code>rhdf5::h5const("H5T")</code> for a list of available H5 datatypes. See References section below for the link to the HDF Group's Support Portal where H5 predefined datatypes are documented.<br><br>A typical use case is to use a datatype that is smaller than the automatic one in order to reduce the size of the dataset on disk. For example you could use <code>"H5T_IEEE_F32LE"</code> when <code>type(x)</code> is <code>"double"</code> and you don't care about preserving the precision of 64-bit floating-point numbers (the automatic H5 datatype used for <code>"double"</code> is <code>"H5T_IEEE_F64LE"</code> ). Another example is to use <code>"H5T_STD_U16LE"</code> when x contains small non-negative integer values like counts (the automatic H5 datatype used for <code>"integer"</code> is <code>"H5T_STD_I32LE"</code> ). |

chunkdim	The dimensions of the chunks to use for writing the data to disk. By default (i.e. when chunkdim is set to NULL), getHDF5DumpChunkDim(dim(x)) will be used. See ?getHDF5DumpChunkDim for more information. Set chunkdim to 0 to write <i>unchunked data</i> (a.k.a. <i>contiguous data</i> ).
level	The compression level to use for writing the data to disk. By default, getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel will be used. See ?getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel for more information.
as.sparse	Whether the data in the returned HDF5Array object should be flagged as sparse or not. If set to NA (the default), then is_sparse(x) is used. <b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b> This only controls the as.sparse flag of the returned HDF5Array object. See man page of the HDF5Array() constructor for more information. In particular this does NOT affect how the data will be laid out to the HDF5 file in any way (HDF5 doesn't natively support sparse storage at the moment). In other words, the data will always be stored in a dense format, even when as.sparse is set to TRUE.
with.dimnames	By default the dimnames on x are not written to the HDF5 file. Set with.dimnames to TRUE to also have them written. Note that h5writeDimnames is used internally to write the dimnames to disk. Setting with.dimnames to FALSE and calling h5writeDimnames is another way to write the dimnames on x to disk that gives more control. See ?h5writeDimnames for more information.
verbose	Whether block processing progress should be displayed or not. If set to NA (the default), verbosity is controlled by DelayedArray::get_verbose_block_processing(). Setting verbose to TRUE or FALSE overrides this.

### Details

Please note that, depending on the size of the data to write to disk and the performance of the disk, writeHDF5Array() can take a long time to complete. Use verbose=TRUE to see its progress.

Use setHDF5DumpFile and setHDF5DumpName to control the location of automatically created HDF5 datasets.

Use setHDF5DumpChunkLength, setHDF5DumpChunkShape, and setHDF5DumpCompressionLevel, to control the physical properties of automatically created HDF5 datasets.

### Value

An HDF5Array object pointing to the newly written HDF5 dataset on disk.

### On-disk realization of a DelayedArray object as an HDF5 dataset

When passed a DelayedArray object, writeHDF5Array *realizes* it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed on-the-fly while the object is written to disk. This uses a block-processing strategy so that the full object is not realized at once in memory. Instead the object is processed block by block i.e. the blocks are realized in memory and written to disk one at a time.

In other words, writeHDF5Array(x, ...) is semantically equivalent to writeHDF5Array(as.array(x), ...), except that as.array(x) is not called because this would realize the full object at once in memory.

See ?DelayedArray for general information about DelayedArray objects.

### References

Documentation of the H5 predefined datatypes on the HDF Group's Support Portal: <https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/Predefined+Datatypes>

**See Also**

- [HDF5Array](#) objects.
- [h5writeDimnames](#) for writing the dimnames of an HDF5 dataset to disk.
- [saveHDF5SummarizedExperiment](#) and [loadHDF5SummarizedExperiment](#) in this package (the **HDF5Array** package) for saving/loading an HDF5-based [SummarizedExperiment](#) object to/from disk.
- [HDF5-dump-management](#) to control the location and physical properties of automatically created HDF5 datasets.
- [h5ls](#) in the **rhdf5** package.

**Examples**

```
## -----
## WRITE AN ORDINARY ARRAY TO AN HDF5 FILE
## -----
m <- matrix(runif(364, min=-1), nrow=26,
            dimnames=list(letters, LETTERS[1:14]))

h5file <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
M1 <- writeHDF5Array(m, h5file, name="M1", chunkdim=c(5, 5))
M1
chunkdim(M1)

## By default, writeHDF5Array() does not write the dimnames to the HDF5
## file so they are lost:
dimnames(M1) # no dimnames

## Set 'with.dimnames' to TRUE to write them to the file:
M1b <- writeHDF5Array(m, h5file, name="M1b", with.dimnames=TRUE)
dimnames(M1b) # dimnames are back

## With sparse data:
sm <- rsparsematrix(20, 8, density=0.1)
M2 <- writeHDF5Array(sm, h5file, name="M2", chunkdim=c(5, 5))
M2
is_sparse(M2) # TRUE

## -----
## WRITE A DelayedArray OBJECT TO AN HDF5 FILE
## -----
M3 <- log(t(DelayedArray(m)) + 1)
M3 <- writeHDF5Array(M3, h5file, name="M3", chunkdim=c(5, 5))
M3
chunkdim(M3)

library(rhdf5)
library(h5vcData)

tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
                          package="h5vcData")
h5ls(tally_file)

cvg0 <- HDF5Array(tally_file, "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages")

cvg1 <- cvg0[ , , 29000001:29000007]
```

```
writeHDF5Array(cvgl, h5file, "cvgl")
h5ls(h5file)
```

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writeTENxMatrix      *Write a matrix-like object as an HDF5-based sparse matrix*

---

### Description

The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset and other datasets published by 10x Genomics use an HDF5-based sparse matrix representation instead of the conventional (i.e. dense) HDF5 representation.

writeTENxMatrix writes a matrix-like object to this format.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Only use writeTENxMatrix if the matrix-like object to write is sparse, that is, if most of its elements are zero. Using writeTENxMatrix on dense data is very inefficient! In this case, you should use writeHDF5Array instead.

### Usage

```
writeTENxMatrix(x, filepath=NULL, group=NULL, level=NULL, verbose=NA)
```

### Arguments

x	The matrix-like object to write to an HDF5 file. The object to write should typically be sparse, that is, most of its elements should be zero. If x is a <a href="#">DelayedMatrix</a> object, writeTENxMatrix <i>realizes</i> it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed while the object is written to disk.
filepath	NULL or the path (as a single string) to the (new or existing) HDF5 file where to write the data. If NULL, then the data will be written to the current <i>HDF5 dump file</i> i.e. to the file whose path is <a href="#">getHDF5DumpFile</a> .
group	NULL or the name of the HDF5 group where to write the data. If NULL, then the name returned by <a href="#">getHDF5DumpName</a> will be used.
level	The compression level to use for writing the data to disk. By default, <a href="#">getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel</a> will be used. See <a href="#">?getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel</a> for more information.
verbose	Whether block processing progress should be displayed or not. If set to NA (the default), verbosity is controlled by <code>DelayedArray:::get_verbose_block_processing()</code> . Setting verbose to TRUE or FALSE overrides this.

### Details

Please note that, depending on the size of the data to write to disk and the performance of the disk, writeTENxMatrix can take a long time to complete. Use verbose=TRUE to see its progress.

Use [setHDF5DumpFile](#) and [setHDF5DumpName](#) to control the location of automatically created HDF5 datasets.

### Value

A [TENxMatrix](#) object pointing to the newly written HDF5 data on disk.



**See Also**

- [TENxMatrix](#) objects.
- The [TENxBrainData](#) dataset (in the [TENxBrainData](#) package).
- [HDF5-dump-management](#) to control the location and physical properties of automatically created HDF5 datasets.
- [h5ls](#) in the [rhdf5](#) package.

**Examples**

```
## -----
## A SIMPLE EXAMPLE
## -----
m0 <- matrix(0L, nrow=25, ncol=12,
             dimnames=list(letters[1:25], LETTERS[1:12]))
m0[cbind(2:24, c(12:1, 2:12))] <- 100L + sample(55L, 23, replace=TRUE)
out_file <- tempfile()
M0 <- writeTENxMatrix(m0, out_file, group="m0")
M0
sparsity(M0)

path(M0) # same as 'out_file'

## Use the h5ls() command from the rhdf5 package to see the structure of
## the file:
library(rhdf5)
h5ls(path(M0))

## -----
## USING THE "1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset"
## -----

## The 1.3 Million Brain Cell Dataset from 10x Genomics is available via
## ExperimentHub:
library(ExperimentHub)
hub <- ExperimentHub()
query(hub, "TENxBrainData")
fname <- hub[["EH1039"]]
oneM <- TENxMatrix(fname, "mm10") # see ?TENxMatrix for the details
oneM

## Note that the following transformation preserves sparsity:
M2 <- log(oneM + 1) # delayed
M2 # a DelayedMatrix instance

## In order to reduce computation times, we'll write only the first
## 5000 columns of M2 to disk:
out_file <- tempfile()
M3 <- writeTENxMatrix(M2[, 1:5000], out_file, group="mm10", verbose=TRUE)
M3 # a TENxMatrix instance
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