

# Package ‘Rhdf5lib’

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**Type** Package

**Title** hdf5 library as an R package

**Version** 2.1.0

**Description** Provides C and C++ hdf5 libraries.

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**LazyLoad** true

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**Depends** R (>= 4.2.0)

**Suggests** BiocStyle, knitr, rmarkdown, tinytest, mockery

**URL** <https://github.com/Huber-group-EMBL/Rhdf5lib>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/Huber-group-EMBL/Rhdf5lib/issues>

**LinkingTo** biocmake

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**Encoding** UTF-8

**biocViews** Infrastructure

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.3

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getHdf5Version	<i>Report the version of HDF5 distributed with this package</i>
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**Description**

This function returns the version number of the HDF5 library that is distributed with this package.

**Usage**

```
getHdf5Version()
```

**Value**

Returns a character vector of length 1 containing the version number.

**Examples**

```
getHdf5Version()
```

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pkgconfig	<i>Compiler arguments for using Rhdf5lib</i>
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**Description**

This function returns values for PKG\_LIBS variables for use in Makevars files.

**Usage**

```
pkgconfig(
  opt = c("PKG_CXX_LIBS", "PKG_C_LIBS", "PKG_CXX_HL_LIBS", "PKG_C_HL_LIBS")
)
```

**Arguments**

opt	A scalar character from the list of available options; default is PKG_CXX_LIBS. Valid options are PKG_C_LIBS, PKG_CXX_LIBS, PKG_C_HL_LIBS and PKG_CXX_HL_LIBS, where HL indicates that you want to include the HDF5 'high-level' API and CXX denotes including the C++ interface.
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**Value**

NULL; prints the corresponding value to stdout.

**Examples**

```
pkgconfig("PKG_C_LIBS")
pkgconfig("PKG_CXX_LIBS")
pkgconfig("PKG_C_HL_LIBS")
pkgconfig("PKG_CXX_HL_LIBS")
```

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Rhdf5lib

*Rhdf5lib: A version of the HDF5 library built into an R package.*

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### Description

This package provides a compiled version of the HDF5 library bundled within the R package structure. It is primarily useful to developers of other R packages who want to make use of the capabilities of the HDF5 library directly in the C or C++ code of their own packages, rather than using a higher level interface.

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/Huber-group-EMBL/Rhdf5lib>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Huber-group-EMBL/Rhdf5lib/issues>

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