

# Package ‘TileDBArray’

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**Description** Implements a DelayedArray backend for reading and writing dense or sparse arrays in the TileDB format. The resulting TileDBArrays are compatible with all Bioconductor pipelines that can accept DelayedArray instances.

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[TileDBArray](#)*Delayed TileDB arrays***Description**

The `TileDBArray` class provides a [DelayedArray](#) backend for TileDB arrays (sparse and dense).

**Constructing a TileDBArray**

`TileDBArray(x, attr)` returns a `TileDBArray` object given:

- `x`, a string containing a URI to a TileDB backend, most typically a path to a directory.
- `attr`, a string specifying the attribute to represent in the array. Defaults to the first attribute.

Alternatively, `x` can be a `TileDBArraySeed` object, in which case `attr` is ignored.

`TileDBArraySeed(x, attr)` returns a `TileDBArraySeed` with the same arguments as described for `TileDBArray`. If `x` is already a `TileDBArraySeed`, it is returned directly without further modification.

[DelayedArray](#)(`x`) returns a `TileDBArray` object given `x`, a `TileDBArraySeed`.

In all cases, two-dimensional arrays will automatically generate a `TileDBMatrix`, a subclass of the `TileDBArray`.

**Available operations**

[extract\\_array](#)(`x, index`) will return an ordinary array containing values from the `TileDBArray`-Seed `x`, subsetted to the indices specified in `index`. The latter should be a list of length equal to the number of dimensions in `x`, where each entry is an integer vector or `NULL` (in which case the entirety of the dimension is used).

[extract\\_sparse\\_array](#)(`x, index`) will return a `SparseArraySeed` containing the indices of non-zero entries in `x`, subsetted to the indices in `index`. The latter should be a list of the same structure as described for `extract_array`.

[type](#)(`x`) will return a string containing the type of the `TileDBArraySeed` object `x`. Currently, only "integer", "logical" and "double"-precision is supported.

[is\\_sparse](#)(`x`) will return a logical scalar indicating whether the `TileDBArraySeed` `x` uses a sparse format in the TileDB backend.

[path](#)(`x`) will return a string containing the path to the TileDB backend directory.

[chunkdim](#)(`x`) will return an integer vector containing the tile extent in each dimension. This will be used as the chunk dimensions in methods like [chunkGrid](#).

All of the operations described above are also equally applicable to `TileDBArray` objects, as their methods simply delegate to those of the `TileDBArraySeed`.

All operations supported by [DelayedArray](#) objects are also available for `TileDBArray` objects.

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## Examples

```

data <- matrix(rpois(10000, 5), nrow=100, ncol=100)
B <- as(data, "TileDBArray")
B

# Apply typical DelayedArray operations:
as.matrix(B[1:10,1:10])
B %*% runif(ncol(B))

# This also works for sparse arrays:
sdata <- Matrix:::rsparsematrix(nrow=100, ncol=100, density=0.1)
C <- as(sdata, "TileDBArray")
C

```

TileDBArray-globals     *TileDBArray global options*

## Description

Global options for writing TileDBArray backends, intended for parameters that cannot be automatically derived from the data.

## Usage

```

getTileDBPath()

setTileDBPath(path = NULL)

getTileDBAttr()

setTileDBAttr(attr = NULL)

getTileDBExtent()

setTileDBExtent(extent = NULL)

getTileDBContext()

setTileDBContext(context = NULL)

```

## Arguments

path	String containing a path to a TileDB backend.
attr	String containing the name of a TileDB attribute.
extent	Integer scalar specifying the tile extent for all dimensions. Alternatively, an integer vector of length equal to the number of dimensions, specifying a different extent for each dimension in the array to be created.
context	A TileDB context object, see <a href="#">tiledb_ctx</a> for an example.

## Value

All of the getter functions return the current global value, or a default value if the former is NULL:

- path defaults to a temporary file in `tempdir`.
- attr defaults to "x".
- extent defaults to 100L.
- context defaults to the value of `tiledb_ctx()`.

All setter functions change the global value and return NULL invisibly.

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## See Also

[writeTileDBArray](#), where these functions are most often used.

## Examples

```
setTileDBPath("my_local_dir")
getTileDBPath()
```

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## Description

Implements the TileDB framework as a [DelayedArray](#) backend, with read and write functionality for both dense and sparse arrays. Currently only integer, logical and double-precision values are supported.

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TileDBRealizationSink *Write arrays to TileDB*

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## Description

Write array data to a TileDB backend via **DelayedArray**'s [RealizationSink](#) machinery.

### Writing a TileDBArray

```
TileDBRealizationSink(  
    dim,  
    dimnames=NULL,  
    type="double",  
    path=getTileDBPath(),  
    attr=getTileDBAttr(),  
    sparse=FALSE,  
    extent=getTileDBExtent(),  
    context=getTileDBContext()  
)
```

returns a `TileDBRealizationSink` object that can be used to write content to a TileDB backend. It accepts the following arguments:

- `dim`, an integer vector (usually of length 2) to specify the array dimensions.
- `dimnames`, a list of length equal to `dim`, containing character vectors with names for each dimension. Defaults to `NULL`, i.e., no `dimnames`.
- `type`, a string specifying the data type. Currently only numeric, logical and integer arrays are supported.
- `path`, a string containing the location of the new TileDB backend.
- `attr`, a string specifying the name of the attribute to store.
- `sparse` is a logical scalar indicating whether the array should be stored in sparse form.
- `extent` is an integer scalar (or vector of length equal to `dim`) specifying the tile extent for each dimension.
- `context` is the TileDB context, defaulting to the output of [`tiledb\_ctx\(\)`](#).

`writeTileDBArray(x, sparse=is_sparse(x), ...)` writes the matrix-like object `x` to a TileDB backend, returning a `TileDBArray` object referring to that backend. Appropriate values for `dim`, `dimnames` and `type` are determined automatically from `x` itself. All other arguments described for `TileDBRealizationSink` can be passed into `...` to configure the representation.

### Coercing to a TileDBArray

`as(x, "TileDBArray")` will coerce a matrix-like object `x` to a `TileDBArray` object.  
`as(x, "TileDBArraySeed")` will coerce a matrix-like object `x` to a `TileDBArraySeed` object.  
`as(x, "TileDBMatrix")` will coerce a matrix-like object `x` to a `TileDBArraySeed` object.  
`as(x, "TileDBArray")` will coerce a `TileDBRealizationSink` `x` to a `TileDBArray` object.  
`as(x, "TileDBArraySeed")` will coerce a `TileDBRealizationSink` `x` to a `TileDBArraySeed` object.  
`as(x, "DelayedArray")` will coerce a `TileDBRealizationSink` `x` to a `TileDBArray` object.

## Sink internals

`write_block(sink,viewport,block)` will write the subarray `block` to the TileDBRealization-Sink `sink` at the specified `viewport`, returning `sink` upon completion. See [write\\_block](#) in [DelayedArray](#) for more details.

`type(x)` will return a string specifying the type of the TileDBRealizationSink `x`.

## Examples

```
X <- matrix(rnorm(100000), ncol=200)
path <- tempfile()
out <- writeTileDBArray(X, path=path)

# Works for integer matrices.
Xi <- matrix(rpois(100000, 2), ncol=200)
pathi <- tempfile()
outi <- writeTileDBArray(Xi, path=pathi)

# Works for logical matrices.
Xl <- matrix(rpois(100000, 0.5) > 0, ncol=200)
pathl <- tempfile()
outl <- writeTileDBArray(Xl, path=pathl)

# Works for sparse numeric matrices.
Y <- Matrix:::rsparsematrix(1000, 1000, density=0.01)
path2 <- tempfile()
out2 <- writeTileDBArray(Y, path=path2)

# And for sparse logical matrices.
path2l <- tempfile()
out2l <- writeTileDBArray(Y > 0, path=path2l)

# Works for dimnames.
rownames(X) <- sprintf("GENE_%i", seq_len(nrow(X)))
path3 <- tempfile()
out3 <- writeTileDBArray(X, path=path3)
```

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