

# Package ‘SCArray’

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**Description** Provides large-scale single-cell RNA-seq data manipulation using Genomic Data Structure (GDS) files. It combines dense and sparse matrices stored in GDS files and the Bioconductor infrastructure framework (SingleCellExperiment and DelayedArray) to provide out-of-memory data storage and large-scale manipulation using the R programming language.

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SCArray-package	<i>Large-scale single-cell RNA-seq data manipulation with GDS files</i>
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**Description**

The package combines dense/sparse matrices stored in GDS files and the Bioconductor infrastructure framework to provide out-of-memory data storage and manipulation using the R programming language.

**Details**

Package: SCArray  
 Type: Package  
 License: GPL version 3

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**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

sce <- scExperiment(fn)
sce
```

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scArray	<i>Get an DelayedArray instance</i>
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**Description**

Gets an DelayedArray instance from a single-cell GDS file.

**Usage**

```
scArray(gdsfile, varname)
```

**Arguments**

gdsfile	character for a file name, or a single-cell GDS object with class SCArrayFileClass
varname	character for the node name in the GDS file

**Value**

Return an object of class [DelayedArray](#).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scOpen](#), [scExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

cnt <- scArray(fn, "counts")
cnt
```

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scClose	<i>Close the Single-cell GDS File</i>
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**Description**

Closes a single-cell GDS file which is open.

**Usage**

```
scClose(gdsfile)
```

**Arguments**

gdsfile            a single-cell GDS object with class SCArrayFileClass

**Value**

None.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scOpen](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

# open the GDS file
(f <- scOpen(fn))

# read
cell.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "feature.id"))
samp.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "sample.id"))

scClose(f)
```

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scConvGDS

*Create a GDS file*

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**Description**

Creates a single-cell GDS file from an R object.

**Usage**

```
scConvGDS(obj, outfn, save.sp=TRUE, type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"),
  compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

obj            a dense/sparse matrix, DelayedMatrix, SummarizedExperiment or SingleCell-Experiment

outfn         the output file name in GDS format

save.sp       if TRUE, save it to a sparse matrix in GDS; otherwise, store dense matrix

type	numeric data type in the output file
compress	the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a>
clean	TRUE
verbose	if TRUE, show information

**Value**

Return the path of the output file.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scOpen](#), [scClose](#), [scMEX2GDS](#), [scHDF2GDS](#)

**Examples**

```
# load a SingleCellExperiment object
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainSub.rds", package="SCArray")
sce <- readRDS(fn)

scConvGDS(sce, "test.gds")

# remove the temporary output file
unlink("test.gds")
```

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scExperiment	<i>Get a SummarizedExperiment</i>
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**Description**

Gets an instance of SingleCellExperiment or SummarizedExperiment.

**Usage**

```
scExperiment(gdsfile, sce=TRUE, use.names=TRUE, load.row=TRUE, load.col=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

gdsfile	character for a file name, or a single-cell GDS object with class SCArrayFileClass
sce	if TRUE, return an instance of SingleCellExperiment, otherwise an instance of SummarizedExperiment
use.names	if TRUE, load dimnames from 'feature.id' and 'sample.id'
load.row	TRUE for loading rowData from the gds node "feature.data" in gdsfile
load.col	TRUE for loading colData from the gds node "sample.data" in gdsfile

**Value**

Return an instance of [SingleCellExperiment](#) or [SummarizedExperiment](#).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[scOpen](#), [scClose](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

sce <- scExperiment(fn)
sce
```

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scHDF2GDS

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*Convert HDF5 files to GDS*


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**Description**

Creates a single-cell GDS file from Cell Ranger HDF5 files.

**Usage**

```
scHDF2GDS(h5_fn, outfn, group=c("matrix", "mm10"), feature_path=character(),
  type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"), compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE,
  verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

h5_fn	the input HDF5 file name
outfn	the output file name in GDS format
group	the name of the group in the HDF5 file where the sparse matrix is stored; if there are more than one group names, the first existing group in the HDF5 file is used; "mm10" is usually used for 10x Genomics datasets
feature_path	a character vector for feature variables, otherwise detecting automatically
type	numeric data type in the output file
compress	the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a>
clean	TRUE
verbose	if TRUE, show information

**Value**

Return the path of the output file.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scConvGDS](#), [scMEX2GDS](#)

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 scMEX2GDS

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*Convert MEX files to GDS*


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**Description**

Creates a single-cell GDS file from Cell Ranger MEX files.

**Usage**

```
scMEX2GDS(feature_fn, barcode_fn, mtx_fn, outfn,
           feature_colnm=c("id", "gene", "feature_type"),
           type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"), compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE,
           verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

feature_fn	the input file name for features
barcode_fn	the input file name for barcodes
mtx_fn	the input count matrix in MEX format
outfn	the output file name in GDS format
feature_colnm	the column names used in feature_fn
type	numeric data type in the output file
compress	the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a>
clean	TRUE
verbose	if TRUE, show information

**Value**

Return the path of the output file.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scConvGDS](#), [schDF2GDS](#)

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`scObj`*Seed-aware DelayedArray Object*

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**Description**

Convert to SC\_GDSArray for utilizing seed-aware DelayedArray functions.

**Usage**

```
scObj(obj, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	a SummarizedExperiment, SingleCellExperiment or DelayedArray object
<code>verbose</code>	if TRUE, show information

**Value**

Return an object with SC\_GDSMatrix/SC\_GDSArray.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scArray](#), [scExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

cnt <- scArray(fn, "counts")
cnt # it is SC_GDSMatrix

logcnt <- log2(cnt + 1)
logcnt # it is a general DelayedMatrix

# convert to SC_GDSMatrix
lcnt <- scObj(logcnt)
lcnt
```

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`scOpen`*Open a Single-cell GDS File*

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**Description**

Opens a single-cell GDS file.

**Usage**

```
scOpen(gdsfn, readonly=TRUE, allow.duplicate=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>gdsfn</code>	the input file name
<code>readonly</code>	whether read-only or not
<code>allow.duplicate</code>	if TRUE, it is allowed to open a GDS file with read-only mode when it has been opened in the same R session

**Value**

Return an object of class `SCArrayFileClass` inherited from `gds.class`.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scClose](#), [scArray](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "LaMannoBrainData.gds", package="SCArray")

# open the GDS file
(f <- scOpen(fn))

# read a GDS file
cell.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "feature.id"))
samp.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "sample.id"))

# get a DelayedArray object
(cnt <- scArray(f, "counts"))

scClose(f)
```

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