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H5Aclose

Close an HDF5 attribute

Description
Close an HDF5 attribute

Usage
H5Aclose(h5attribute)

Arguments
h5attribute An object of class H5IdComponent representing the attribute to be closed. Normally created by H5Aopen() or similar.

See Also
H5Aopen()

H5Acreate

Create an attribute for an HDF5 object

Description
Creates an attribute, name, which is attached to the object specified by the identifier h5obj. The attribute name must be unique for the object.

Usage
H5Acreate(h5obj, name, dtype_id, h5space)

Arguments
h5obj An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen(), H5Dcreate(), or H5Dopen() to create an object of this kind.
name The name of the attribute (character).
dtype_id A character name of a datatype. See h5const("H5T") for possible datatypes. Can also be an integer representing an HDF5 datatype. Only simple datatypes are allowed for attributes.
h5space An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 dataspace. See H5Dget_space(), H5Screate_simple(), H5Screate() to create an object of this kind.

Value
An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 attribute identifier.
H5Adelete

Delete an specified attribute of an HDF5 object

Description
Delete an specified attribute of an HDF5 object

Usage
H5Adelete(h5obj, name)

Arguments
h5obj An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen(), H5Dcreate(), or H5Dopen() to create an object of this kind.
name The name of the attribute (character).

H5Aexists

Check whether an specific attribute exists for an HDF5 object

Description
Check whether an specific attribute exists for an HDF5 object

Usage
H5Aexists(h5obj, name)

Arguments
h5obj An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen(), H5Dcreate(), or H5Dopen() to create an object of this kind.
name The name of the attribute (character).
**H5Aget_name**

*Get the name of an HDF5 attribute object*

**Description**

Retrieves the name of the attribute specified by an HDF5 attribute object.

**Usage**

```r
H5Aget_name(h5attribute)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5attribute`: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an attribute. Normally created by `H5Aopen()` or similar.

**Value**

A character vector of length 1 containing the name of the attribute.

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**H5Aget_space**

*Get a copy of the attribute dataspace*

**Description**

Get a copy of the attribute dataspace

**Usage**

```r
H5Aget_space(h5attribute)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5attribute`: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an attribute. Normally created by `H5Aopen()` or similar.

**Value**

Returns an object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 dataspace identifier.
H5Aget_type

Get a copy of the attribute datatype

Description
Get a copy of the attribute datatype

Usage
H5Aget_type(h5attribute)

Arguments

h5attribute An object of class H5IdComponent representing an attribute. Normally created by H5Aopen() or similar.

H5Aopen

Open an attribute for an HDF5 object

Description
Open an attribute for an HDF5 object

Usage
H5Aopen(h5obj, name)
H5Aopen_by_name(h5obj, objname = ".", name)
H5Aopen_by_idx(
    h5obj,
    n,
    objname = ".",
    index_type = h5default("H5_INDEX"),
    order = h5default("H5_ITER")
)

Arguments

h5obj An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen(), H5Dcreate(), or H5Dopen() to create an object of this kind.
name The name of the attribute (character).
objname The name of the object the attribute belongs to.
H5Aread

n
index_type
order

Opens attribute number n in the given order and index. Indexing is C-style, base-0, so the first attribute is opened with n=0.

See h5const("H5_INDEX") for possible arguments.

See h5const("H5_ITER") for possible arguments.

Value

An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 attribute identifier.

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H5Aread Read data from an HDF5 attribute

Description

Read data from an HDF5 attribute

Usage

H5Aread(h5attribute, buf = NULL, bit64conversion)

Arguments

h5attribute An object of class H5IdComponent representing an attribute. Normally created by H5Aopen() or similar.
buf Optional buffer to store retrieved values. The buffer size has to fit the size of the memory space h5spaceMem. No extra memory will be allocated for the data. Default is NULL which means the function will return the attribute data.
bit64conversion Defines how 64-bit integers are converted. (See the details section for more information on these options.)

Details

Internally, R does not support 64-bit integers. All integers in R are 32-bit integers. By setting bit64conversion='int', a coercing to 32-bit integers is enforced, with the risk of data loss, but with the insurance that numbers are represented as integers. bit64conversion='double' coerces the 64-bit integers to floating point numbers. doubles can represent integers with up to 54-bits, but they are not represented as integer values anymore. For larger numbers there is again a data loss. bit64conversion='bit64' is recommended way of coercing. It represents the 64-bit integers as objects of class 'integer64' as defined in the package 'bit64'. Make sure that you have installed 'bit64'. The datatype ’integer64’ is not part of base R, but defined in an external package. This can produce unexpected behaviour when working with the data.

Value

If buf=NULL returns the contents of the attribute. Otherwise return 0 if attribute is read successfully.
H5Awrite  

Write data to an HDF5 attribute

**Description**

Write data to an HDF5 attribute

**Usage**

```
H5Awrite(h5attribute, buf)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5attribute**  
  An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an attribute. Normally created by `H5Aopen()` or similar.

- **buf**  
  The data to be written.

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h5closeAll  

Close all open HDF5 handles

**Description**

Occasionally references to HDF5 files, groups, datasets etc can be created and not closed correctly. This function identifies all open handles and closes them. It replaces the functionality previously supplied by `H5close()`.

**Usage**

```
h5closeAll()
```

**Value**

Doesn’t return anything. Called for the side-effect of closing any open HDF5 handles.

**Author(s)**

Mike Smith
## Examples

```r
## create an empty file and then re-open it
h5createFile("ex_h5closeAll.h5")
H5Fopen("ex_h5closeAll.h5")

## list all open identifiers
h5listIdentifier()

## close all open identifiers and verify
h5closeAll()
h5listIdentifier()
```

## h5constants

### HDF5 library constants.

### Description

Access to HDF5 constants.

### Usage

```r
h5const(type = "")
h5constType()
h5default(type = "")
```

### Arguments

- `type` : A character name of a group of constants.

### Details

These functions provide a list of HDF5 constants that are defined in the R package. `h5constType` provides a list of group names and `h5const` gives the constants defined within a group. `h5default` gives the default choice for each group.

### Value

A character vector with names of HDF5 constants or groups.

### Author(s)

Bernd Fischer
**H5Dchunk_dims**

*Return the dimensions of a dataset chunk*

**Description**

Return the dimensions of a dataset chunk

**Usage**

\[
\text{H5Dchunk\_dims(h5dataset)}
\]

**Arguments**

- **h5dataset**: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 dataset.

**Details**

This function does not map directly to the HDF5 C API but is included as a useful addition.

**Value**

If the supplied dataset is chunked returns a vector, with length equal to the rank of the dataset, containing the size of the dataset dimensions. Returns `NULL` if the given dataset is not chunked.

**Author(s)**

Mike Smith

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**H5Dclose**

*Close an open HDF5 dataset*

**Description**

Close an open HDF5 dataset

**Usage**

\[
\text{H5Dclose(h5dataset)}
\]

**Arguments**

- **h5dataset**: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 dataset.
**H5Dcreate**

Create a new HDF5 dataset

**Description**

Create a new HDF5 dataset

**Usage**

```r
H5Dcreate(
  h5loc,  
  name,  
  dtype_id,  
  h5space,  
  lcpl = NULL,  
  dcpl = NULL,  
  dapl = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5loc` An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See `H5Fcreate()`, `H5Fopen()`, `H5Gcreate()`, `H5Gopen()` to create an object of this kind.
- `name` Name of the dataset.
- `dtype_id` A character name of a datatype. See `h5const("H5T")` for possible datatypes. Can also be an integer representing an HDF5 datatype.
- `h5space` An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 dataspace. See `H5Dget_space()`, `H5Screate_simple()`, `H5Screate()` to create an object of this kind.
- `lcpl`, `dcpl`, `dapl` An objects of class `H5IdComponent` representing HDF5 property lists. Specially these should respectively be: a link creation property list, a dataset creation property list, a dataset access property list.

**Value**

An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing the opened dataset.
**H5Dget_create_plist**  
*Return a copy of the dataset creation property list for a dataset*

**Description**

Return a copy of the dataset creation property list for a dataset

**Usage**

H5Dget_create_plist(h5dataset)

**Arguments**

h5dataset  
Object of class H5IdComponent representing an open HDF5 dataset

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**H5Dget_space**  
*Return a copy of the HDF5 dataspace for a dataset*

**Description**

Return a copy of the HDF5 dataspace for a dataset

**Usage**

H5Dget_space(h5dataset)

**Arguments**

h5dataset  
Object of class H5IdComponent representing an open HDF5 dataset

**Value**

Returns an object of class H5IdComponent representing a HDF5 dataspace identifier
**H5Dget_storage_size**

*Find the amount of storage allocated for a dataset*

**Description**

`H5Dget_storage_size` returns the amount of storage, in bytes, allocated in an HDF5 file to hold a given dataset. This is the amount of space required on-disk, which not typically a good indicator of the amount of memory that will be required to read the complete dataset.

**Usage**

`H5Dget_storage_size(h5dataset)`

**Arguments**

- `h5dataset`: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 dataset

**Value**

Returns an integer giving the number of bytes allocated in the file to the dataset.

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**H5Dget_type**

*Return a copy of the HDF5 datatype for a dataset*

**Description**

Return a copy of the HDF5 datatype for a dataset

**Usage**

`H5Dget_type(h5dataset)`

**Arguments**

- `h5dataset`: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 dataset
H5Dopen

Open an existing HDF5 dataset

Description

Open an existing HDF5 dataset

Usage

H5Dopen(h5loc, name, dap1 = NULL)

Arguments

h5loc  An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group).
name   Name of the dataset to open.
dap1   An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 dataset access property list.

Value

An object of class H5IdComponent representing the opened dataset. To prevent memory leaks this must be closed with a call to H5Dclose() when no longer needed.

Examples

h5file <- tempfile(fileext = "h5")
h5createFile( h5file )
h5createDataset( h5file, dataset = "A", dims = 10)

fid <- H5Fopen( h5file )
did <- H5Dopen( h5loc = fid, name = "A")
did

## rember to close open handles
H5Dclose( did )
H5Fclose( fid )
**H5Dread**  

*Read from an HDF5 dataset*

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**Description**

H5Dread() reads a (partial) dataset from an HDF5 file into the R session.

**Usage**

```r
H5Dread(
  h5dataset,
  h5spaceFile = NULL,
  h5spaceMem = NULL,
  buf = NULL,
  compoundAsDataFrame = TRUE,
  bit64conversion,
  drop = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5dataset**: Object of class H5IdComponent representing an open HDF5 dataset.
- **h5spaceFile**: An object of class H5IdComponent representing a HDF5 dataspace. See H5Dget_space(), H5Screate_simple(), H5Screate() to create an object of this kind.
- **h5spaceMem**: An object of class H5IdComponent representing a HDF5 dataspace. See H5Dget_space(), H5Screate_simple(), H5Screate() to create an object of this kind. The dimensions of the dataset in the file and in memory. The dimensions in file and in memory are interpreted in an R-like manner. The first dimension is the fastest changing dimension. When reading the file with a C-program (e.g. HDFView) the order of dimensions will invert, because in C the fastest changing dimension is the last one.
- **buf**: Buffer to hold the read data. The buffer size has to fit the size of the memory space h5spaceMem. No extra memory will be allocated for the data. A pointer to the same data is returned.
- **compoundAsDataFrame**: Logical vector of length 1. If TRUE, a compound datatype will be coerced to a data.frame. This is not possible, if the dataset is multi-dimensional. Otherwise the compound datatype will be returned as a list. Nested compound data types will be returned as nested list.
- **bit64conversion**: Defines how 64-bit integers are converted. (See the details section for more information on these options.)
- **drop**: Logical vector of length 1. If TRUE, the HDF5 object is read as a vector with NULL dim attributes. Default is FALSE.
Details

Internally, R does not support 64-bit integers. All integers in R are 32-bit integers. By setting bit64conversion='int', a coercing to 32-bit integers is enforced, with the risk of data loss, but with the insurance that numbers are represented as integers. bit64conversion='double' coerces the 64-bit integers to floating point numbers. doubles can represent integers with up to 54-bits, but they are not represented as integer values anymore. For larger numbers there is again a data loss. bit64conversion='bit64' is recommended way of coercing. It represents the 64-bit integers as objects of class 'integer64' as defined in the package 'bit64'. Make sure that you have installed 'bit64'. The datatype 'integer64' is not part of base R, but defined in an external package. This can produce unexpected behaviour when working with the data.

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H5Dset_extent

Change the dimensions of an HDF5 dataset

Description

Change the dimensions of an HDF5 dataset

Usage

H5Dset_extent(h5dataset, size)

Arguments

h5dataset Object of class H5IdComponent representing an open HDF5 dataset.
size An integer vector with the new dimension of the dataset.

Details

This function can only be applied to datasets that meet the following criteria:

- A chunked dataset with unlimited dimensions
- A chunked dataset with fixed dimensions if the new dimension sizes are less than the maximum sizes set with maxdims #'

Author(s)

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**H5Dwrite**  
*Write data to dataset*

**Description**
Write data to dataset

**Usage**

```r
H5Dwrite(h5dataset, buf, h5spaceMem = NULL, h5spaceFile = NULL)
```

**Arguments**
- `h5dataset` Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 dataset.
- `buf` The R object containing the data to be written to the dataset.
- `h5spaceMem, h5spaceFile` `H5IdComponent` objects representing the memory and file dataspaces respectively. If these are left `NULL` dataspaces that match the size and shape of `h5dataset` will be used.

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**H5Fclose**  
*Close access to an HDF5 file*

**Description**
Close access to an HDF5 file

**Usage**

```r
H5Fclose(h5file)
```

**Arguments**
- `h5file` `H5IdComponent` representing an HDF5 file ID. Typically created via `H5Fcreate()` or `H5Fopen()`.
**H5Fcreate**  
Create an HDF5 file

**Description**  
Create an HDF5 file

**Usage**
```r
H5Fcreate(  
  name,  
  flags = h5default("H5F_ACC"),  
  fcpl = NULL,  
  fapl = NULL,  
  native = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**
- **name**: The name of the HDF5 file to create.
- **flags**: See h5const("H5F_ACC") for possible arguments.
- **fcpl, fapl**: Object object of class H5IdComponent. This should representing a file creation property list and a file access property list respectively. See H5Pcreate() or H5Pcopy() to create objects of this kind. Leaving as NULL will use the default HDF5 settings which are often sufficient.
- **native**: An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

**H5Fflush**  
Flush all buffers associated with a file to disk

**Description**  
Flush all buffers associated with a file to disk

**Usage**
```r
H5Fflush(h5file, scope = h5default("H5F_SCOPE"))
```
**H5Fget_filesize**

**Arguments**

- **h5file**: `H5IdComponent` representing any object associated with the file to be flushed.
- **scope**: Specifies whether the scope of the flushing action is global (flushes the entire virtual file) or local (flushes only the specified file). Valid values are `H5F_SCOPE_GLOBAL` and `H5F_SCOPE_LOCAL`.

**Description**

`H5Fget_filesize()` returns the size in bytes of the HDF5 file specified by `h5file`.

**Usage**

```c
H5Fget_filesize(h5file)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5file**: `H5IdComponent` representing an HDF5 file ID. Typically created via `H5Fcreate()` or `H5Fopen()`.

**H5Fget_name**

**Retrieve the name of the file to which an object belongs**

**Description**

Retrieve the name of the file to which an object belongs

**Usage**

```c
H5Fget_name(h5obj)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5obj**: An object of class `H5IdComponent`. Despite this being an H5F function, it works equally well on H5 file, group, dataset and attribute datatypes.
Examples

```r
## use an example file and show its location
h5file <- system.file("testfiles", "h5ex_t_array.h5", package = "rhdf5")
h5file

## open a file handle and confirm we can identify the file it points to
fid <- H5Fopen(h5file)
H5Fget_name(fid)

## H5Fget_name() can be applied to group and dataset handles too
gid <- H5Gopen(fid, name = "/")
did <- H5Dopen(fid, name = "DS1")
H5Fget_name(gid)
H5Fget_name(did)

## tidy up
H5Dclose(did)
H5Gclose(gid)
H5Fclose(fid)
```

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**H5Fget_plist**  
*Get property lists associated with an HDF5 file*

Description

Get property lists associated with an HDF5 file

Usage

```r
H5Fget_create_plist(h5file)
H5Fget_access_plist(h5file)
```

Arguments

- **h5file**: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 file identifier. Typically produced by `H5Open()` or `H5Create()`.  

**H5Fis_hdf5**

*Determines whether a file is in the HDF5 format*

**Description**

`H5Fis_hdf5()` determines whether a file is in the HDF5 format.

**Usage**

```r
H5Fis_hdf5(name, showWarnings = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `name`: Character vector of length 1, giving the path to the file to be checked.
- `showWarnings`: If the file doesn’t exist an warning is generated. Setting this argument to `FALSE` will suppress the warning.

**Value**

Returns `TRUE`, if the file is an HDF5 file, or `FALSE` otherwise. In the case the file doesn’t exist, `NA` is returned.

---

**H5Fopen**

*Open an existing HDF5 file*

**Description**

Open an existing HDF5 file.

**Usage**

```r
H5Fopen(name, flags = h5default("H5F_ACC_RD"), fapl = NULL, native = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `name`: The name (or path) of the HDF5 file to be opened.
- `flags`: Character string defining the access mode for opening the file.
- `fapl`: `H5IdComponent` object representing a file access property list. Leaving this argument as NULL will use the default HDF5 properties.
- `native`: An object of class `logical`. If `TRUE`, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using `native = TRUE` increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with `native = TRUE` should also be opened for reading with `native = TRUE`. 


Details

Possible values for the flags argument are H5F_ACC_RDWR and H5F_ACC_RDONLY. Note that HDF5's "Single Write Multiple Reader (SWMR) mode is not currently supported via rhdf5.

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H5functions  HDF5 General Library Functions

Description

These low level functions provide general library functions for HDF5.

Usage

H5open()
H5close()
H5garbage_collect()
H5get_libversion()

Value

- H5open initializes the HDF5 library.
- H5close flushes all data to disk, closes all open identifiers, and cleans up memory.
- H5garbage_collect cleans up memory.
- H5get_libversion returns the version number of the HDF5 C-library.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer, Mike Smith

Examples

```r
## Not run:
H5open()
H5close()
H5garbage_collect()
H5get_libversion()

## End(Not run)
```
**H5Gclose**  
*Close a specified group*

**Description**

Close a specified group

**Usage**

```c
H5Gclose(h5group)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5group**  
  An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 group. Typically created via `H5Gopen()` or `H5Gcreate()`.

---

**H5Gcreate**  
*Create a new HDF5 group and link it to a location in a file*

**Description**

`H5Gcreate` is used to a new group and link it into a file.

**Usage**

```c
H5Gcreate(h5loc, name)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**  
  An object of class `H5IdComponent`

- **name**  
  Name of the new group to be created.
H5Gcreate_anon  Create a new HDF5 group without linking it into a file

Description
Create a new HDF5 group without linking it into a file

Usage
H5Gcreate_anon(h5loc)

Arguments
h5loc An object of class H5IdComponent specifying the file in which the new group is to be created.

Value
H5Gcreate_anon returns an object of class H5IdComponent representing the newly created group. However at this point it is still anonymous, and must be linked into the file structure via H5Olink(). If this is not done, the group will be deleted from the file when it is closed.

See Also
H5Gcreate(), H5Olink()

H5Gget_info  Retrieve information about a group

Description
Retrieve information about a group

Usage
H5Gget_info(h5loc)

H5Gget_info_by_name(h5loc, group_name)

H5Gget_info_by_idx(
  h5loc,
  n,
  group_name = ".",
  index_type = h5default("H5_INDEX"),
  order = h5default("H5_ITER")
)
**H5Gopen**

Open a specified group

**Description**

Open a specified group

**Usage**

H5Gopen(h5loc, name)

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**
  An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 file or group that contains the group to be opened.

- **name**
  Name of the group to open.

**Examples**

```r
h5file <- system.file("testfiles", "multiple_dtypes.h5", package="rhdf5")
fid <- H5Fopen(h5file)
gid <- H5Gopen(fid, "/foo")
gid
H5Gget_info(gid)
H5Gclose(gid)
```

```
## the "get_info_by" functions take the H5 object that contains the
## group(s) of interest. We can retrieve information by index or by name
H5Gget_info_by_idx(fid, 3)
H5Gget_info_by_name(fid, "/Foo")
```

```
H5Fclose(fid)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**
  An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 group.

- **group_name**
  An additional group name specifying the group for which information is sought. It is interpreted relative to h5loc.

- **n**
  Position in the index of the group for which information is retrieved.

- **index_type**
  See h5const("H5_INDEX") for possible arguments.

- **order**
  See h5const("H5_ITER") for possible arguments.

**Value**

A list with group information
Value

An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing the opened group. When access to the group is no longer needed this should be released with `H5Gclose()` to prevent resource leakage.

See Also

`H5Gclose()`

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**H5IdComponent-class**  
An S4 class representing an H5 object

Description

A class representing a HDF5 identifier handle. HDF5 identifiers represent open files, groups, datasets, dataspaces, attributes, and datatypes.

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'H5IdComponent'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'H5IdComponent,character'
e1 & e2

## S4 method for signature 'H5IdComponent'
x$name

## S4 replacement method for signature 'H5IdComponent'
x$name <- value

## S4 method for signature 'H5IdComponent'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 replacement method for signature 'H5IdComponent'
x[i, j, ...] <- value
```

Arguments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>object</td>
<td>Object of class <code>H5IdComponent</code></td>
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<tr>
<td>e1</td>
<td>An <code>H5IdComponent</code> object representing an H5 file or group.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e2</td>
<td>Character giving the path to an HDF5 group or dataset relative to e1.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>x</td>
<td>Object of class <code>H5IdComponent</code> representing the HDF5 dataset from which to extract element(s) or in which to replace element(s).</td>
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<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>Character giving the path to an HDF5 group or dataset relative to x.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>value</td>
<td>Array-like R object containing value to be inserted into the HDF5 dataset.</td>
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</table>
i, j, ... Indices specifying elements to extract or replace. Indices are numeric vectors or empty (missing) or NULL. Numeric values are coerced to integer as by `as.integer` (and hence truncated towards zero).

drop If TRUE the result is coerced to the lowest possible dimension (see the examples). This only works for extracting elements, not for the replacement. See `drop` for further details.

Methods (by generic)

- `show(H5IdComponent)`: Print details of the object to screen.
- `e1 & e2`: Returns a group handle or dataset handle for the group or dataset name in the HDF5 location `h5loc`. `h5loc` can either be a file handle as returned by `H5Fopen` or a group handle as e.g. returned by `h5f$g1` or `h5f$'/g1/g2'`.
- `$`: Reads the HDF5 object name in the HDF5 location `x`. `x` can either be a file handle as returned by `H5Fopen` or a group handle as e.g. returned by `h5f$g1` or `h5f$'/g1/g2'`.
- `\$` (H5IdComponent) <- value: Writes the assigned object to to the HDF5 file at location `e1`. `e1` can either be a file handle as returned by `H5Fopen` or a group handle as e.g. returned by `h5f$g1` or `h5f$'/g1/g2'`. The storage.mode of the assigned object has to be compatible to the datatype of the HDF5 dataset. The dimension of the assigned object have to be identical the dimensions of the HDF5 dataset. To create a new HDF5 dataset with specific properties (e.g. compression level or chunk size), please use the function `h5createDataset` first.
- `[]`: Subsetting of an HDF5 dataset. The function reads a subset of an HDF5 dataset. The given dimensions have to fit the dimensions of the HDF5 dataset.
- `\[` (H5IdComponent) <- value: Subsetting of an HDF5 dataset. The function writes an R data object to a subset of an HDF5 dataset. The given dimensions have to fit the dimensions of the HDF5 dataset. The HDF5 dataset has to be created beforehand, e.g. by `h5createDataset`.

Slots

ID integer of length 1. Contains the handle of C-type hid_t.

native An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using `native = TRUE` increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with `native = TRUE` should also be read with `native = TRUE`.

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**H5Iget_name**

Retrieves the name of an object from a given identifier.

**Description**

Retrieve the name of an object from a given identifier.

**Usage**

H5Iget_name(h5obj)
Arguments

h5obj

An object of class H5IdComponent. Can represent a file, group, dataset or attribute.

Description

Possible types returned by the function are:

- H5I_FILE
- H5I_GROUP
- H5I_DATATYPE
- H5I_DATASPACE
- H5I_DATASET
- H5I_ATTR

Usage

H5Iget_type(h5identifier)

Arguments

h5identifier

Object of class H5IdComponent.

Value

Returns a character vector of length 1 containing the HDF5 type for the supplied identifier.

Examples

```r
h5file <- system.file("testfiles", "h5ex_t_array.h5", package="rhdf5")
fid <- H5Fopen(h5file)
gid <- H5Gopen(fid, "/")

## identify the HDF5 types for these identifiers
H5Iget_type(fid)
H5Iget_type(gid)

## tidy up
H5Gclose(gid)
H5Fclose(fid)
```
H5Iis_valid

Determine whether an identifier is valid

Description

An identifier is no longer valid after it has been closed.

Usage

H5Iis_valid(h5identifier)

Arguments

h5identifier Object of class H5IdComponent.

Value

A logical of length 1. TRUE is the identifier is valid, FALSE if not.

Examples

h5file <- system.file("testfiles", "h5ex_t_array.h5", package="rhdf5")
fid <- H5Fopen(h5file)

## test whether the identifier to the opened file is valid
H5Iis_valid(fid)

## the file ID is no longer valid after it has been closed
H5Fclose(fid)
H5Iis_valid(fid)

H5Lcopy

Copy a link from one location to another

Description

Copy a link from one location to another

Usage

H5Lcopy(h5loc, name, h5loc_dest, name_dest, lcpl = NULL, lapl = NULL)
HSLcreate_external

Create a link to an object in a different HDF5 file

Description

HSLcreate_external() creates a new external link. An external link is a soft link to an object in a different HDF5 file from the location of the link.

Usage

HSLcreate_external(target_file_name, target_obj_name, link_loc, link_name)

Arguments

target_file_name
Name of the external HDF5 to link to

target_obj_name
Path to the object in the file specified by target_file_name to link to.

link_loc
H5IdComponent object giving the location where the new link should be created. Can represent an HDF5 file or group.

link_name
Name (path) of the new link, relative to the location of link_loc.

Examples

## The example below creates a new HDF5 file in a temporary director, and then
## links to the group "/foo" found in the file "multiple_dtypes.h5"
## distributed with the package.

h5File1 <- system.file("testfiles", "multiple_dtypes.h5", package="rhdf5")
h5File2 <- tempfile(pattern = "H5L_2_", fileext = ".h5")
h5createFile(h5File2)

## open the new file & create a link to the group "/foo" in the original file
fid <- H5Fopen(h5File2)
HSLcreateexternal(target_file_name = h5File1, target_obj_name = "/foo",
  link_loc = fid, link_name = "/external_link")
H5Ldelete

H5Fclose(fid)

## check the new file has a group called "/external_link"
h5ls(h5File2)

---

**H5Ldelete**  
*Remove a link from a group*

**Description**

Remove a link from a group

**Usage**

H5Ldelete(h5loc, name)

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**: An object of class **H5IdComponent** representing a H5 location identifier (file or group).
- **name**: The name of the link to be deleted.

**Examples**

# create an hdf5 file and a group
h5createFile("ex_H5L.h5")
h5createGroup("ex_H5L.h5","/foo")

# reopen file and confirm "/foo" exists but "/baa" does not exist
fid <- H5Fopen("ex_H5L.h5")
H5Lexists(fid,"/foo")

# remove the link to "/foo" and confirm it no longer exists
H5Ldelete(fid,"/foo")
H5Lexists(fid,"/foo")

H5Fclose(fid)
H5Lexists

Confirm existence of a link

Description

Confirm existence of a link

Usage

H5Lexists(h5loc, name)

Arguments

h5loc
An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group).

name
The name of the link to be checked

H5Lget_info

Find information about a link

Description

H5Lget_info() identifies the type of link specified by the the h5loc and name arguments. This is more limited than the equivalent function in the standard HDF5 library.

Usage

H5Lget_info(h5loc, name)

Arguments

h5loc
An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group).

name
The name of the link to be queried.

Value

A character vector of length 1 giving the type of link. Possible values are: H5L_TYPE_HARD, H5L_TYPE_SOFT, H5L_TYPE_EXTERNAL, H5L_TYPE_ERROR
h5listObjects

List all open HDF5 objects.

Description

A list of all valid HDF5 identifiers. H5 objects should be closed after usage to release resources.

Usage

h5listIdentifier()

h5validObjects(native = FALSE)

Arguments

native

An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

Value

h5validObjects returns a list of H5IdComponent objects. h5listIdentifier prints the valid identifiers on screen and returns NULL.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer, Mike Smith

Examples

h5createFile("ex_list_identifier.h5")

# create groups
h5createGroup("ex_list_identifier.h5","foo")

h5listIdentifier()

h5validObjects()
**H5Lmove**  
*Move a link within an HDF5 file*

**Description**

Move a link within an HDF5 file

**Usage**

\[
\text{H5Lmove}(\text{h5loc}, \text{name}, \text{h5loc\_dest}, \text{name\_dest}, \text{lcpl} = \text{NULL}, \text{lapl} = \text{NULL})
\]

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 location identifier (file or group) where the new link is placed.
- **name**: The name of the link to be moved.
- **h5loc\_dest**: `H5IdComponent` object representing the H5 location where the new link should be created.
- **name\_dest**: Name of the new link to be created.
- **lcpl, lapl**: Link creation and link access property lists to be associated with the new link. Leaving these arguments as `NULL` will use the HDF5 default property lists.

**Examples**

```r
## create an HDF5 file with a single group  
## that contains a dataset of 10 numbers  
h5file <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")  
h5createFile(h5file)  
h5createGroup(h5file, "/foo")  
h5write(1:10, h5file, name = "/foo/vector1")  
## check the structure is what we expect  
h5ls(h5file)
```

```r
## open the file, the group where the dataset currently is  
## and the root group  
fid <- H5Fopen(name = h5file)  
gid1 <- H5Gopen(fid, "/foo")  
gid2 <- H5Gopen(fid, "/")  
## move the dataset to the root of the file and rename it  
H5Lmove(gid1, "vector1", gid2, "vector_new")  
h5closeAll()  
## check the dataset has moved out of the foo group  
h5ls(h5file)
```

```r
## we can also provide the ID of the HDF5 file  
## and use the "name" arguments to move between groups  
fid <- H5Fopen(name = h5file)  
H5Lmove(fid, "/vector_new", fid, "/foo/vector_newer")
```
h5ls

List the content of an HDF5 file.

Description

List the content of an HDF5 file.

Usage

h5ls(
  file,
  recursive = TRUE,
  all = FALSE,
  datasetinfo = TRUE,
  index_type = h5default("H5_INDEX"),
  order = h5default("H5_ITER"),
  s3 = FALSE,
  s3credentials = NULL,
  native = FALSE
)

Arguments

file The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. You can also provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen() to create an object of this kind.

recursive If TRUE, the content of the whole group hierarchy is listed. If FALSE, Only the content of the main group is shown. If a positive integer is provided this indicates the maximum level of the hierarchy that is shown.

all If TRUE, a longer list of information on each entry is provided.

datasetinfo If FALSE, datatype and dimensionality information is not provided. This can speed up the content listing for large files.

index_type See h5const("H5_INDEX") for possible arguments.

order See h5const("H5_ITER") for possible arguments.

s3 Logical value indicating whether the file argument should be treated as a URL to an Amazon S3 bucket, rather than a local file path.

s3credentials A list of length three, providing the credentials for accessing files in a private Amazon S3 bucket.

native An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.
Value

h5ls returns a data.frame with the file content.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer, Mike L. Smith

References

https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5

See Also

h5dump()

Examples

h5createFile("ex_ls_dump.h5")

# create groups
h5createGroup("ex_ls_dump.h5","foo")
h5createGroup("ex_ls_dump.h5","foo/foobaa")

# write a matrix
B = array(seq(0.1,2.0,by=0.1),dim=c(5,2,2))
attr(B, "scale") <- "liter"
h5write(B, "ex_ls_dump.h5","foo/B")

# list content of hdf5 file
h5ls("ex_ls_dump.h5",all=TRUE)
h5dump("ex_ls_dump.h5")

# list content of an hdf5 file in a public S3 bucket
h5ls(file = "https://rhdf5-public.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/h5ex_t_array.h5", s3 = TRUE)

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H5Oclose

Close an HDF5 object

Description

Close an HDF5 object

Usage

H5Oclose(h5obj)
Arguments

- `h5obj` An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 object.

See Also

- `H5Oopen()`

Description

Copies an HDF5 object

Usage

```r
H5Ocopy(h5loc, name, h5loc_dest, name_dest, obj_cpy_pl = NULL, lcpl = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `h5loc` An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 object where the source object should be copied from.
- `name` Character vector of length 1, giving the name of the source object to be copied.
- `h5loc_dest` An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing an open HDF5 object where the new copy should be created.
- `name_dest` Character vector of length 1, giving the name of the new object to be created.
- `obj_cpy_pl`, `lcpl` `H5IdComponent` objects representing object copy and link creation property lists respectively. If left as NULL the default values for these will be used.

Examples

```r
## Create a temporary copy of an example file check the contents
example_file <- system.file("testfiles", "h5ex_t_array.h5", package="rhdf5")
file.copy(example_file, tempdir())
h5_file <- file.path(tempdir(), "h5ex_t_array.h5")
h5ls(h5_file)

## open the example file and create a new, empty, file
fid1 <- H5Fopen( h5_file )
h5_file2 <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
fid2 <- H5Fcreate( h5_file2 )

## We can copy a dataset inside the same file
H5Ocopy(h5loc = fid1, name = "DS1", h5loc_dest = fid1, name_dest = "DS2")

## Or to a different file
H5Ocopy(h5loc = fid1, name = "DS1", h5loc_dest = fid2, name_dest = "DS1_copy")
```
```r
## if we want to create a new group hierarchy we can use a link creation property list
lcpl <- H5Pcreate("H5P_LINK_CREATE")
H5Pset_create_intermediate_group( lcpl, create_groups = TRUE )
H5Ocopy(h5loc = fid1, name = "DS1", h5loc_dest = fid2, name_dest = "/foo/baa/DS1_nested", lcpl = lcpl)

## tidy up
H5Pclose(lcpl)
H5Fclose(fid1)
H5Fclose(fid2)

## Check we now have groups DS1 and DS2 in the original file
h5ls( h5_file )
## Check we have a copy of DS1 at the root and nests in the new file
h5ls( h5_file2 )
```

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### H5Oget_num_attrs

#### Description

Find the number of attributes associated with an HDF5 object

#### Usage

```r
H5Oget_num_attrs(h5obj)
```

```r
H5Oget_num_attrs_by_name(h5loc, name)
```

#### Arguments

- `h5obj`: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset).
- `h5loc`: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 location identifier (file or group).
- `name`: The name of the object to be checked.

#### Details

These functions are not part of the standard HDF5 C API.

#### Value

Returns a vector of length 1 containing the number of attributes the specified object has.
H5Olink

Create a hard link to an object in an HDF5 file

Description

Create a hard link to an object in an HDF5 file

Usage

H5Olink(h5obj, h5loc, newLinkName, lcpl = NULL, lapl = NULL)

Arguments

h5obj An object of class H5IdComponent representing the object to be linked to.

h5loc An object of class H5IdComponent representing the location at which the object
is to be linked. Can represent a file, group, dataset, datatype or attribute.

newLinkName Character string giving the name of the new link. This should be relative to
h5loc.

lcpl, lapl H5IdComponent objects representing link creation and link access property lists
respectively. If left as NULL the default values for these will be used.

See Also

H5Gcreate_anon

Examples

## Create a temporary copy of an example file, and open it
example_file <- system.file("testfiles", "h5ex_t_array.h5", package="rhdf5")
file.copy(example_file, tempdir())
h5_file <- file.path(tempdir(), "h5ex_t_array.h5")
 fid <- H5Fopen( h5_file )

## create a new group without a location in the file
gid <- H5Gcreate_anon(fid)

## create link to newly create group
## relative to the file identifier
H5Olink(h5obj = gid, h5loc = fid, newLinkName = "foo")

## tidy up
H5Gclose(gid)
H5Fclose(fid)

## Check we now have a "/foo" group
h5ls( h5_file )
H5Oopen

**Open an object in an HDF5 file**

**Description**

Open an object in an HDF5 file

**Usage**

```r
H5Oopen(h5loc, name)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5loc`: An object of class `H5IdComponent`
- `name`: Path to the object to be opened. This should be relative to `h5loc` rather than the file.

**Value**

An object of class `H5IdComponent` if the open operation was successful. FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

`H5Oclose()`

**Examples**

```r
# create an hdf5 file and write something
h5createFile("ex_H5O.h5")
h5createGroup("ex_H5O.h5","foo")
B = array(seq(0.1,2.0,by=0.1),dim=c(5,2,2))
h5write(B, "ex_H5O.h5","foo/B")

# reopen file and dataset and get object info
fid <- H5Fopen("ex_H5O.h5")
oid = H5Oopen(fid, "foo")
H5Oget_numAttrs(oid)
H5Oclose(oid)
H5Fclose(fid)
```
H5Pall_filters_avail  Query dataset filter properties.

Description
Return information about the filter pipeline applied to a dataset creation property list.

Usage
H5Pall_filters_avail(h5plist)

H5Pget_nfilters(h5plist)

H5Pget_filter(h5plist, idx)

Arguments
h5plist  Object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataset creation property list.
idx  Integer of length 1. This argument selects which filter to return information about. Indexing is R-style 1-based.

details
• H5Pall_filters_avail() checks whether all filters required to process a dataset are available to rhdf5. This can be required if reading files created with other HDF5 software.
• H5Pget_nfilters() returns the number of filters in the dataset chunk processing pipeline.
• H5Pget_filter() provides details of a specific filter in the pipeline. This includes the filter name and the parameters provided to it e.g. compression level.

H5Pclose  Close and release a property list

Description
H5Pclose() terminates access to a property list. All property lists should be closed when they no longer need to be accessed. This frees resources used by the property list. Failing to call H5Pclose() can lead to memory leakage over time.

Usage
H5Pclose(h5plist)

Arguments
h5plist  H5IdComponent object representing the property list to close.
H5Pcopy

Copy an existing property list to create a new property list

Description

Copy an existing property list to create a new property list

Usage

H5Pcopy(h5plist)

Arguments

h5plist  H5IdComponent object representing the property list to be copied.

H5Pcreate

Create a new HDF5 property list

Description

Create a new HDF5 property list

Usage

H5Pcreate(type = h5default("H5P"), native = FALSE)

Arguments

type  A character name of a property list type. See h5const("H5P") for possible property list types.

native  Defunct! Doesn’t achieve anything for property lists.
H5Pfill_value_defined  

Determine whether a property list has a fill value defined

Usage

H5Pfill_value_defined(h5plist)

Arguments

h5plist Object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataset creation property list.

Details

Note that the return value for this function is slightly different from the C version. The C API provides three return types and can, in the case that a fill value is defined, differentiate whether the value is the HDF5 library default or has been set by the application.

Value

TRUE if the fill value is defined, FALSE if not. Will return NULL if there is a problem determining the status of the fill value.

H5Pget_class  

Return the property list class identifier for a property list

Description

Return the property list class identifier for a property list

Usage

H5Pget_class(h5plist)

Arguments

h5plist  H5IdComponent object representing any type of HDF5 property list.
**H5Pobject_track_times**

Set whether to record timestamps for operations performed on an HDF5 object.

**Description**

Set whether to record timestamps for operations performed on an HDF5 object.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_obj_track_times(h5plist, track_times = TRUE)
H5Pget_obj_track_times(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist`: An `H5IdComponent` object representing an object creation property list.
- `track_times`: Logical specifying whether times associated with an object should be recorded.

**Details**

Objects created using high-level `rhdf5` functions like `h5createDataset()` will have this setting turned off. This was done to ensure otherwise identical files returned the same md5 hash. This differs from the default setting in HDF5, which is for objects to record the times operations were performed on them.
**H5Pset_blosc**

Add the BLOSC filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Description**

Add the BLOSC filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_blosc(h5plist, h5tid, method = 1L, level = 6L, shuffle = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist` Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.
- `h5tid` HDF5 data type id
- `method` Integer defining which of the compression algorithms provided by BLOSC should be used. (See the details section for the mapping between integers and algorithms).
- `level` Compression level to be used by the selected algorithm.
- `shuffle` Logical defining whether the bit-shuffle algorithm should be used prior to compression. This makes use of the shuffle implementation provide by BLOSC, rather than the HDF5 version.

**H5Pset_bzip2**

Add the BZIP2 filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Description**

Add the BZIP2 filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_bzip2(h5plist, level = 2L)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist` Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.
- `level` Compression level to be used by the selected algorithm.
H5Pset_deflate

Add the deflate compression filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

Description

Valid values for the compression level range from 0 (no compression) to 9 (best compression, slowest speed). Note that applying this function with level = 0 does not mean the filter is removed. It is still part of the filter pipeline, but no compression is performed. The filter will still need to be available on any system that reads a file created with this setting.

Usage

H5Pset_deflate(h5plist, level)

Arguments

- h5plist: Object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataset creation property list.
- level: Integer giving the compression level to use. Valid values are from 0 to 9.

H5Pset_fapl_ros3

Set the read-only S3 virtual file driver

Description

The read-only S3 virtual file driver can be used to read files hosted remotely on Amazon’s S3 storage.

Usage

H5Pset_fapl_ros3(h5plist, s3credentials = NULL)

Arguments

- h5plist: H5IdComponent object representing a file access property list.
- s3credentials: Either NULL or a list of length 3 specifying the AWS access credentials (see details).

Details

To access files in a private Amazon S3 bucket you will need to provide three additional details: The AWS region where the files are hosted, your AWS access key ID, and your AWS secret access key. More information on how to obtain AWS access keys can be found at https://docs.aws.amazon.com/general/latest/gr/aws-sec-cred-types.html#access-keys-and-secret-access-keys. These are provided as a list to the s3credentials argument. If you are accessing public data this argument should be NULL.
### H5Pset_istore_k

**Description**

Get and set the 1/2 rank of an indexed storage B-tree

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_istore_k(h5plist, ik)
H5Pget_istore_k(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist` [H5IdComponent] object representing the file creation property list
- `ik` chunked Storage B-tree 1/2 rank

### H5Pset_lzf

**Description**

Add the LZF filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_lzf(h5plist, h5tid)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist` [H5IdComponent] object representing a dataset creation property list.
- `h5tid` HDF5 data type id
**H5Pset_nbit**

*Add the N-Bit filter to the chunk processing pipeline.*

**Description**

Add the N-Bit filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**

```
H5Pset_nbit(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5plist**: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) an integer vector of length 1. The only element of this vector will be non-negative if the filter was set successfully and negative otherwise.

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**H5Pset_shared_mesg_index**

*Get and set shared object header message index properties*

**Description**

Get and set shared object header message index properties.

**Usage**

```
H5Pset_shared_mesg_index(
    h5plist, index_num, 
    mesg_type_flags = h5default(type = "H5O_SHMESG_FLAG"), 
    min_mesg_size
)
```

```
H5Pget_shared_mesg_index(h5plist, index_num)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5plist**: `H5IdComponent` object representing the file creation property list
- **index_num**: Index being configured. Indices use C-style 0-based counting, so the first index will be numbered 0.
- **mesg_type_flags**: Character specifying the types of messages that may be stored in this index. Valid values can be found with `h5const(type = "H5O_SHMESG_FLAG")`
- **min_mesg_size**: Minimum message size
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**Value**

`H5Pget_shared_mesg_nindexes()` returns a list of length 2. The first element is the types of messages that may be stored in the index, the second element is the minimum message size.

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**H5Pset_shared_mesg_nindexes**

*Get and set the number of object header message indexes*

**Description**

Get and set the number of object header message indexes

**Usage**

```c
H5Pset_shared_mesg_nindexes(h5plist, nindexes)
H5Pget_shared_mesg_nindexes(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5plist** `H5IdComponent` object representing the file creation property list
- **nindexes** Number of shared object header message indexes to be available in files

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**H5Pset_shared_mesg_phase_change**

*Get and set threshold values for storage of shared object header message indexes*

**Description**

Get and set threshold values for storage of shared object header message indexes

**Usage**

```c
H5Pset_shared_mesg_phase_change(h5plist, max_list, min_btree)
H5Pget_shared_mesg_phase_change(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5plist** `H5IdComponent` object representing the file creation property list
- **max_list** Threshold above which storage shifts from list to B-tree
- **min_btree** Threshold below which storage reverts to list format
**H5Pset_shuffle**  
*Add the shuffle filter to the chunk processing pipeline.*

**Description**
Add the shuffle filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**
```c
H5Pset_shuffle(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**
- **h5plist**: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.

**Value**
Returns (invisibly) an integer vector of length 1. The only element of this vector will be non-negative if the filter was set successfully and negative otherwise.

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**H5Pset_sizes**  
*Get and set the sizes of offsets and lengths used in an HDF5 file*

**Description**
Get and set the sizes of offsets and lengths used in an HDF5 file.

**Usage**
```c
H5Pset_sizes(h5plist, sizeof_addr, sizeof_size)
H5Pget_sizes(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**
- **h5plist**: `H5IdComponent` object representing the file creation property list.
- **sizeof_addr**: Offset size in bytes.
- **sizeof_size**: Length size in bytes.
**H5Pset_sym_k**

Get and set the size of the symbol table B-tree 1/2 rank and the leaf node 1/2 size

**Description**

Get and set the size of the symbol table B-tree 1/2 rank and the leaf node 1/2 size

**Usage**

H5Pset_sym_k(h5plist, ik, lk)

H5Pget_sym_k(h5plist)

**Arguments**

- **h5plist**: H5IdComponent object representing the file creation property list
- **ik**: Symbol table B-tree 1/2 rank
- **lk**: Symbol table leaf node 1/2 size

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**H5Pset_szip**

Add the SZIP compression filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Description**

Add the SZIP compression filter to the chunk processing pipeline.

**Usage**

H5Pset_szip(h5plist, options_mask, pixels_per_block)

**Arguments**

- **h5plist**: Object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataset creation property list.
- **options_mask**, **pixels_per_block**: Integer vectors of length 1, setting parameters of the SZIP algorithm. See https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SZIP for more details.

**References**

https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/Szip+Compression+in+HDF+Products
H5Pset_userblock  
*Get and set the user block size*

**Description**

Get and set the user block size

**Usage**

H5Pset_userblock(hplist, size)

H5Pget_userblock(hplist)

**Arguments**

- **hplist**  
  H5IdComponent object representing the file creation property list
- **size**  
  of the user block in bytes

H5P_chunk  
*Get and set the size of the chunks used to store a chunked layout dataset*

**Description**

Get and set the size of the chunks used to store a chunked layout dataset

**Usage**

H5Pset_chunk(hplist, dim)

H5Pget_chunk(hplist)

**Arguments**

- **hplist**  
  An object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataset creation property list.
- **dim**  
  The chunk size used to store the dataset. This argument should be an integer vector of the same length as the number of dimensions of the dataset the dataset creation property list will be applied to.

**Details**

Note that a necessary side effect of running this function is that the layout of the dataset will be changes to H5D_CHUNKED if it is not already set to this.

**See Also**

H5Pset_layout()
**H5P_chunk_cache**

*Set parameters for the raw data chunk cache*

### Description

Set parameters for the raw data chunk cache

### Usage

H5Pset_chunk_cache(h5plist, rdcc_nslots, rdcc_nbytes, rdcc_w0)

### Arguments

- **h5plist**: Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset access property list.
- **rdcc_nslots**: Integer defining the number of chunk slots in the raw data chunk cache for this dataset.
- **rdcc_nbytes**: Integer setting the total size of the raw data chunk cache for this dataset in bytes. In most cases increasing this number will improve performance, as long as you have enough free memory. The default size is 1 MB.
- **rdcc_w0**: Numeric value defining the chunk preemption policy. Must be between 0 and 1 inclusive.

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**H5P_create_intermediate_group**

*Get and set whether to create missing intermediate groups*

### Description

Get and set whether to create missing intermediate groups

### Usage

H5Pset_create_intermediate_group(h5plist, create_groups = TRUE)

H5Pget_create_intermediate_group(h5plist)

### Arguments

- **h5plist**: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a link creation property list.
- **create_groups**: A logical of length 1 specifying whether missing groups should be created when a new object is created. Default is TRUE.
Examples

```r
pid <- H5Pcreate("H5P_LINK_CREATE")

## by default intermediate groups are not created
H5Pget_create_intermediate_group( pid )

## Change the setting so groups will be created
H5Pget_create_intermediate_group( pid )

## tidy up
H5Pclose(pid)
```

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**H5P_fill_time**  
*Set the time when fill values are written to a dataset*

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**Description**

Set the time when fill values are written to a dataset

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_fill_time(h5plist, fill_time = h5default("H5D_FILL_TIME"))
H5Pget_fill_time(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist`: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.
- `fill_time`: When the fill values should be written. Possible options can be listed with `h5const("H5D_FILL_TIME")`.

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**H5P_fill_value**  
*Set the fill value for an HDF5 dataset*

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**Description**

`H5Pset_fill_value` sets the fill value for a dataset in the dataset creation property list.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_fill_value(h5plist, value)
```
Arguments

h5plist  An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.
value   The default fill value of the dataset. A vector of length 1.

See Also

`H5P_fill_time`, `H5Pfill_value_defined`

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### `H5P_layout`

Get and set the type of storage used to store the raw data for a dataset

**Description**

Possible options for the `layout` argument are:

- `H5D_COMPACT`
- `H5D_CONTIGUOUS`
- `H5D_CHUNKED`
- `H5D_VIRTUAL`

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_layout(h5plist, layout = h5default("H5D"))
H5Pget_layout(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5plist**: An object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a dataset creation property list.
- **layout**: A character giving the name of a dataset layout type.

**Details**

The names of the layout types can also be obtained via `h5const("H5D")`. 
**H5P_libver_bounds**

Control the range of HDF5 library versions that will be compatible with a file.

**Description**

Control the range of HDF5 library versions that will be compatible with a file.

**Usage**

```r
H5Pset_libver_bounds(
  h5plist,
  libver_low = "H5F_LIBVER_EARLIEST",
  libver_high = "H5F_LIBVER_LATEST"
)
```

```
H5Pget_libver_bounds(h5plist)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5plist` : H5IdComponent object representing a file access property list.
- `libver_low`, `libver_high` : Define the earliest and latest versions of the HDF5 library that will be used when writing object in the file.

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**H5R**

**H5R - References to objects and regions**

**Description**

The H5R functions can be used for creating or working with references to specific objects and data regions in an HDF5 file.

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**Examples**

```r
calling library(rhdf5)

## first we'll create a file with a group named "foo" and a
## 1-dimensional dataset named "baa" inside that group.
file_name <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
h5createFile(file_name)
h5createGroup(file = file_name, group = "/foo")
```
h5write(1:100, file=file_name, name="/foo/baa")

fid <- H5Fopen(file_name)
ref_to_group <- H5Rcreate(fid, name = "/foo")
ref_to_dataset <- H5Rcreate(fid, name = "/foo/baa")
two_refs <- c(ref_to_group, ref_to_dataset)
two_refs

## the size of this dataspace is the number of object references
## we want to store
sid <- H5Screate_simple(2)
tid <- H5Tcopy(dtype_id = "H5T_STD_REF_OBJ")
did <- H5Dcreate(fid, name = "object_refs", dtype_id = tid, h5space = sid)
H5Dwrite(did, two_refs)
H5Dclose(did)
H5Sclose(sid)
H5Fclose(fid)

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**H5Rcreate**

Create a reference

**Description**

Creates a reference to an object or dataset selection inside an HDF5 file.

**Usage**

H5Rcreate(h5loc, name, ref_type = "H5R_OBJECT", h5space = NULL)

**Arguments**

- **h5loc**: An H5IdComponent object representing the location to be pointed to by the created reference.
- **name**: Character string giving the name of the object to be referenced, relative to the location given by h5loc.
- **ref_type**: The type of reference to create. Accepts either H5R_OBJECT or H5R_DATASET_REGION.
- **h5space**: An object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataspace with a selection set. This argument is only used if creating a reference to a dataset region, and will be ignored otherwise.

**Value**

An **H5Ref** object storing the reference.
**H5Rdereference**

*Open a reference object.*

**Description**

Given a reference and the file to which that reference applies, `H5Rdereference()` will open the reference object and return an identifier.

**Usage**

```
H5Rdereference(ref, h5loc)
```

**Arguments**

- `ref`  
  H5Ref object containing the reference to be opened.
- `h5loc`  
  An H5IdComponent object representing the file containing the referenced object.

**Details**

If `ref` contains more than one reference, only the first reference will be used. It must be subset with `[` if one of the other stored references should be opened.

**Value**

An object of class H5IdComponent representing the opened object referenced by `ref`. This should be closed with the appropriate function e.g. `H5Dclose()`, `H5Oclose()`, etc. when no longer needed.

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**H5Ref-class**

*An S4 class representing H5 references.*

**Description**

A class representing one or more HDF5 references.

**Usage**

```r
## S4 method for signature 'H5Ref'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'H5Ref'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'H5Ref'
c(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'H5Ref'
x[i]
```
H5Rget_name

Arguments

object Object of class H5Ref
x An H5Ref object.
... Additional H5Ref objects to be combined with x.
i Integer vector giving the indices of references to select.

Details

The length of the val slot is dependent on both the number and type of references stored in the object. H5R_OBJECT references are stored in 8 bytes, while H5R_DATASET_REGION references require 12 bytes. The length of val will then be a multiple of 8 or 12 respectively. This also means that references of different types cannot be combined in a single object.

Methods (by generic)

• show(H5Ref): Print details of the object to screen.
• length(H5Ref): Return the number of references stored in an H5Ref object.
• c(H5Ref): Combine two or more H5Ref objects. Objects must all contain the same type of reference, either H5R_OBJECT or H5R_DATASET_REFERENCE.
• [: Subset an H5Ref object.

Slots

val raw vector containing the byte-level representation of each reference.
type integer of length 1, which maps to either H5R_OBJECT or H5R_DATASET_REGION.

H5Rget_name Return the name of the object that a reference points to

Description

Return the name of the object that a reference points to

Usage

H5Rget_name(ref, h5loc)

Arguments

ref H5Ref object containing the reference to be queried.
h5loc An H5IdComponent object representing the file containing the referenced object.

Value

Character string of length 1 giving the name of the referenced object.
**H5Rget_obj_type**

Identify the type of object that a reference points to

**Description**

Identify the type of object that a reference points to

**Usage**

\[\text{H5Rget\_obj\_type}(\text{ref}, \text{h5loc})\]

**Arguments**

- `ref` : H5Ref object containing the reference to be queried.
- `h5loc` : An H5IdComponent object representing the file containing the referenced object.

**Value**

Character string of length 1 identifying the object type. Valid return values are: "GROUP", "DATASET", and "NAMED_DATATYPE".

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**H5Rget_region**

Return selection for a reference to dataset region

**Description**

Given a dataset region reference, this function will return the dataspace and selection required to read the data points indicated by the reference.

**Usage**

\[\text{H5Rget\_region}(\text{ref}, \text{h5loc})\]

**Arguments**

- `ref` : An object of class H5Ref. This function is only valid for reference of type H5R_DATASET_REGION, and not H5R_OBJECT.
- `h5loc` : An H5IdComponent object representing the file containing the referenced object.

**Value**

An object of class H5IdComponent representing the dataspace of the dataset that \( \text{ref} \) points to. The dataspace will have the selection set that matches the selection pointed to by \( \text{ref} \). This should be closed using \text{H5Sclose()} when no longer required.
**H5Sclose**

*Close and release a dataspace*

**Description**

Close and release a dataspace

**Usage**

```r
H5Sclose(h5space)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5space` Object of class `H5IdComponent` representing the dataspace to be closed.

**See Also**

- `H5Screate()`

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**H5Scombine_hyperslab**  
*Perform operation between an existing selection and an another hyperslab definition.*

**Description**

Combines a hyperslab selection specified by `start`, `stride`, `count` and `block` arguments with the current selection for the dataspace represented by `h5space`.

**Usage**

```r
H5Scombine_hyperslab(
  h5space,
  op = h5default("H5S_SELECT"),
  start = NULL,
  stride = NULL,
  count = NULL,
  block = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5space`  
  `H5IdComponent` object representing a datasource.

- `op`  
  Character string defined the operation used to join the two dataspaces. See `h5const("H5S_SELECT")` for the list of available options.

- `start`, `stride`, `count`, `block`  
  Integer vectors, each with length equal to the rank of the dataspace. These parameters define the new hyperslab to select.
Value

An H5IdComponent object representing a new dataspace with the generated selection.

See Also

H5Scombine_select(), H5Sselect_hyperslab()

Examples

## create a 1 dimensional dataspace
sid_1 <- H5Screate_simple(dims = 20)

## select a single block of 5 points in sid_1
## this is equivalent to [11:16] in R syntax
H5Sselect_hyperslab(sid_1, start = 11, stride = 1,
                    block = 5, count = 1)#

## combine the existing selection with a new
## selection consisting of 2 blocks each of 1 point
## equivalent to [c(3,5)] in R syntax
sid_2 <- H5Scombine_hyperslab(sid_1, op = "H5S_SELECT_OR",
                              start = 3, stride = 2,
                              block = 1, count = 2)

## confirm we have selected 5 in our original dataspace
## and 7 points in the newly created dataspace
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_1)
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_2)

## tidy up
H5Sclose(sid_1)
H5Sclose(sid_2)

H5Scombine_select

Combine two selections

Description

Combine two selections

Usage

H5Scombine_select(h5space1, op = h5default("H5S_SELECT"), h5space2)

Arguments

h5space1, h5space2

H5IdComponent objects representing a dataspace.

op

Character string defined the operation used to join the two dataspaces. See
h5const("H5S_SELECT") for the list of available options.
**Value**

Returns an `H5IdComponent` object representing a new dataspace. The new dataspace will have the same extent as `h5space1` with the hyperslab selection being the result of combining the selections of `h5space1` and `h5space2`.

**See Also**

`H5Scombine_hyperslab()`

**Examples**

```r
## create two 1 dimensional dataspaces
## of different sizes
sid_1 <- H5Screate_simple(dims = 20)
sid_2 <- H5Screate_simple(dims = 10)

## select a single block of 5 points in sid_1
## this is equivalent to [11:16] in R syntax
H5Sselect_hyperslab(sid_1, start = 11, stride = 1,
                     block = 5, count = 1)

## select 2 blocks of 1 point from sid_2
## equivalent to [c(3,5)] in R syntax
H5Sselect_hyperslab(sid_2, start = 3, stride = 2,
                     block = 1, count = 2)

## confirm we have select 5 and 2 points respectively
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_1)
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_2)

## combine the two dataset selections keeping points that
## are in one or both of the selections
sid_3 <- H5Scombine_select(sid_1, "H5S_SELECT_OR", sid_2)

## extent of the new dataset is the same as sid_1
sid_3
## confirm the selection contains 7 points
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_3)

## tidy up
H5Sclose(sid_1)
H5Sclose(sid_2)
H5Sclose(sid_3)
```
**Description**

H5S_copy() creates an exact copy of a given dataspace.

**Usage**

H5Scopy(h5space)

**Arguments**

h5space  
Object of class H5IdComponent representing the dataspace to be copied.

**Value**

If the copying is successful returns an object of class H5IdComponent representing the new dataspace. Otherwise returns FALSE.

---

**H5Screate**  
*Create a new dataspace of a specified type*

**Description**

Create a new dataspace of a specified type

**Usage**

H5Screate(type = h5default("H5S"), native = FALSE)

**Arguments**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>type</th>
<th>The type of dataspace to create. See h5const(&quot;H5S&quot;) for possible types.</th>
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<tr>
<td>native</td>
<td>An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Value**

Returns an object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataspace.

**See Also**

H5Screate_simple
H5Screate_simple

Create a simple dataspace

Description
Create a simple dataspace

Usage
H5Screate_simple(dims, maxdims, native = FALSE)

Arguments
- dims: An integer vector defining the initial dimensions of the dataspace. The length of dims determines the rank of the dataspace.
- maxdims: An integer vector with the same length length as dims. Specifies the upper limit on the size of the dataspace dimensions. Only needs to be specified if this is different from the values given to dims.
- native: An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

Value
Returns an object of class H5IdComponent representing a dataspace.

See Also
H5Screate

H5Sget_select_npoints
Find the number of elements in a dataspace selection

Description
Find the number of elements in a dataspace selection

Usage
H5Sget_select_npoints(h5space)

Arguments
- h5space: H5IdComponent object representing a dataspace.
**H5Sget_simple_extent_dims**

Find the size of a dataspace

**Description**

Find the size of a dataspace

**Usage**

```
H5Sget_simple_extent_dims(h5space)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5space` : `H5IdComponent` object representing a dataspace.

---

**H5Sis_simple**

Determine whether a dataspace is a simple dataspace

**Description**

In HDF5 a dataspace is considered "simple" if it represents a regular N-dimensional array of points. Currently (HDF 1.10.7) all dataspaces are simple. Support for complex dataspaces is planned for future HDF versions.

**Usage**

```
H5Sis_simple(h5space)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5space` : `H5IdComponent` object representing a dataspace.

---

**H5Sselect_all**

Set the selection region of a dataspace to include all elements

**Description**

Set the selection region of a dataspace to include all elements

**Usage**

```
H5Sselect_all(h5space)
```

**Arguments**

- `h5space` : `H5IdComponent` object representing a dataspace.
H5Sselect_hyperslab

Perform operation between an existing selection and an another hyperslab definition.

Description

Combines a hyperslab selection specified by start, stride, count and block arguments with the current selection for the dataspace represented by h5space.

Usage

H5Sselect_hyperslab(
  h5space,
  op = h5default("H5S_SELECT"),
  start = NULL,
  stride = NULL,
  count = NULL,
  block = NULL
)

Arguments

- **h5space**: H5IdComponent object representing a dataspace.
- **op**: Character string defined the operation used to join the two dataspacces. See h5const("H5S_SELECT") for the list of available options.
- **start, stride, count, block**: Integer vectors, each with length equal to the rank of the dataspace. These parameters define the new hyperslab to select.

Details

H5Sselect_hyperslab is similar to, but subtly different from, H5Scombine_hyperslab(). The former modifies the selection of the dataspace provided in the h5space argument, while the later returns a new dataspace with the combined selection.

Examples

```r
## create a 1 dimensional dataspace
sid_1 <- H5ScCreateSimple(dims = 20)

## select a single block of 5 points in sid_1
## this is equivalent to [11:16] in R syntax
H5Sselect_hyperslab(sid_1, start = 11, stride = 1,
  block = 5, count = 1)

## confirm we have selected 5 in our original dataspace
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_1)
```
## combine the existing selection with a new
## selection consisting of 2 blocks each of 1 point
## equivalent to \[c(3,5)\] in R syntax
H5Sselect_hyperslab(sid_1, op = "H5S_SELECT_OR",
    start = 3, stride = 2,
    block = 1, count = 2)

## The dataspace now has 7 points selected
H5Sget_select_npoints(sid_1)

## tidy up
H5Sclose(sid_1)

---

**H5Sselect_index**  
*Select elements of a dataspace using R-style indexing*

### Description

Combines a hyperslab selection specified by `start`, `stride`, `count` and `block` arguments with the current selection for the dataspace represented by `h5space`.

### Usage

```r
H5Sselect_index(h5space, index)
```

### Arguments

- **h5space**  
  *H5IdComponent* object representing a dataspace.

- **index**  
  A list of integer indices. The length of the list corresponds to the number of dimensions of the HDF5 array. If a list element is `NULL`, all elements of the respective dimension are selected.

### Details

`H5Sselect_hyperslab` is similar to, but subtly different from, `H5Scombine_hyperslab()`. The former modifies the selection of the dataspace provided in the `h5space` argument, while the latter returns a new dataspace with the combined selection.

### Examples

```r
## create a 1 dimensional dataspace
sid <- H5Screate_simple(c(10, 5, 3))

## Select elements that lie in rows 1-3, columns 2-4, and the entire 3rd dimension
H5Sselect_index(sid, list(1:3, 2:4, NULL))

## We can check the number of selected points.
```
H5Sselect_none

Set the selection region of a dataspace to include no elements

Description

Set the selection region of a dataspace to include no elements

Usage

H5Sselect_none(h5space)

Arguments

h5space H5IdComponent object representing a dataspace.

H5Sselect_valid

Check that a selection is valid

Description

Check that a selection is valid

Usage

H5Sselect_valid(h5space)

Arguments

h5space H5IdComponent object representing a dataspace.
**H5Sset_extent_simple**  
*Set the size of a dataspace*

**Description**
Set the size of a dataspace

**Usage**

```
H5Sset_extent_simple(h5space, dims, maxdims)
```

**Arguments**

- **h5space**: `H5IdComponent` object representing a dataspace.
- **dims**: Dimension of the dataspace. This argument is similar to the dim attribute of an array. When viewing the HDF5 dataset with an C-program (e.g. HDFView), the dimensions appear in inverted order, because the fastest changing dimension in R is the first one, and in C its the last one.
- **maxdims**: Maximum extension of the dimension of the dataset in the file. If not provided, it is set to `dims`.

---

**H5Sunlimited**  
*Retrieve value for H5S_UNLIMITED constant*

**Description**

The value for `H5S_UNLIMITED` can be provided to the `maxdims` argument of `H5Scache_simple` to indicate that the maximum size of the corresponding dimension is unlimited.

**Usage**

```
H5Sunlimited()
```

**See Also**

- `H5Scache_simple`
**H5Tcopy**

*Copy an existing datatype*

**Description**

Copy an existing datatype

**Usage**

\[
\text{H5Tcopy}(\text{dtype}_\text{id} = \text{h5default}(\text{type} = "\text{H5T}"))
\]

**Arguments**

- `dtype_id` : Datatype to copy. Can either be a character specifying a predefined HDF5 datatype (see `h5const("H5T")` for valid options) or the ID of an already created datatype.

---

**H5Tis_variable_str**

*Determine whether a datatype is a variable length string*

**Description**

Determine whether a datatype is a variable length string

**Usage**

\[
\text{H5Tis_variable_str}(\text{dtype}_\text{id})
\]

**Arguments**

- `dtype_id` : ID of HDF5 datatype to query.
H5T_cset  

Retrieves or sets the character set to be used in a string datatype.

**Description**

Retrieve or set the character set to be used in a string datatype.

**Usage**

H5Tset_cset(dtype_id, cset = "ASCII")

H5Tget_cset(dtype_id)

**Arguments**

dtype_id    ID of HDF5 datatype to query or modify.
cset        Encoding to use for string types. Valid options are 'ASCII' and 'UTF-8'.

---

H5T_precision  

Retrieves or sets the precision of an HDF5 datatype

**Description**

Retrieve or set the precision of an HDF5 datatype

**Usage**

H5Tset_precision(dtype_id, precision)

H5Tget_precision(dtype_id)

**Arguments**

dtype_id    ID of HDF5 datatype to set precision of.
precision    The number of bytes of precision for the datatype.

**Value**

- H5Tget_precision() returns an integer giving the number of significant bits used by the given datatype.
- H5Tset_precision() is call for its side-effect of modifying the precision of a datatype. It will invisibly return TRUE if this is successful and will stop with an error if the operation fails.
H5T_size

Retrieve or set the type of padding used by string datatype

Description

Retrieve or set the type of padding used by string datatype

Usage

H5Tset_size(dtype_id = h5default(type = "H5T"), size)

H5Tget_size(dtype_id)

Arguments

dtype_id  ID of HDF5 datatype to query or modify.
size     The new datatype size in bytes.

H5T_strpad

Retrieve or set the type of padding used by string datatype

Description

Retrieve or set the type of padding used by string datatype

Usage

H5Tset_strpad(dtype_id, strpad = "NULLPAD")

H5Tget_strpad(dtype_id)

Arguments

dtype_id  ID of HDF5 datatype to query or modify.
strpad   Character vector of length 1 specifying the type of padding to use. Valid options are NULLTERM, NULLPAD and SPACEPAD.
h5version  

*Print the rhdf5 and libhdf5 version numbers*

**Description**

Returns the version number of the Bioconductor package rhdf5 and the C-library libhdf5.

**Usage**

```r
h5version()
```

**Value**

A list of major, minor and release number.

**Author(s)**

Bernd Fischer, Mike L. Smith

**Examples**

```r
h5version()
```

H5Zfilter_avail  

*Determine whether a filter is available on this system*

**Description**

Determine whether a filter is available on this system

**Usage**

```r
H5Zfilter_avail(filter_id)
```

**Arguments**

- `filter_id`  
  Integer representing the ID of the filter to be checked.
Create HDF5 attribute

Description

R function to create an HDF5 attribute and defining its dimensionality.

Usage

h5createAttribute(
  obj,
  attr,
  dims,
  maxdims = dims,
  file,
  storage.mode = "double",
  H5type = NULL,
  size = NULL,
  encoding = NULL,
  cset = NULL,
  native = FALSE
)

Arguments

obj The name (character) of the object the attribute will be attached to. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, dataset). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen(), H5Dcreate(), H5Dopen() to create an object of this kind.

attr Name of the attribute to be created.

dims The dimensions of the attribute as a numeric vector. If NULL, a scalar dataspace will be created instead.

maxdims The maximum extension of the attribute.

file The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing an H5 location identifier. See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen() to create an object of this kind. The file argument is not required, if the argument obj is of type H5IdComponent.

storage.mode The storage mode of the data to be written. Can be obtained by storage.mode(mydata).

H5type Advanced programmers can specify the datatype of the dataset within the file. See h5const("H5T") for a list of available datatypes. If H5type is specified the argument storage.mode is ignored. It is recommended to use storage.mode
size

The maximum string length when `storage.mode='character'`. If this is specified, HDF5 stores each string of `attr` as fixed length character arrays. Together with compression, this should be efficient.

If this argument is set to `NULL`, HDF5 will instead store variable-length strings.

encoding

The encoding of the string data type i.e. when `storage.mode = 'character'`. Valid options are "ASCII" and "UTF-8".

cset

*Deprecated in favour of the encoding argument.*

native

An object of class `logical`. If `TRUE`, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using `native = TRUE` increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with `native = TRUE` should also be read with `native = TRUE`.

Details

Creates a new attribute and attaches it to an existing HDF5 object. The function will fail, if the file doesn’t exist or if there exists already another attribute with the same name for this object.

You can use `h5writeAttribute()` immediately. It will create the attribute for you.

Value

Returns `TRUE` is attribute was created successfully and `FALSE` otherwise.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer

References

https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5

See Also

`h5createFile()`, `h5createGroup()`, `h5createDataset()`, `h5read()`, `h5write()`, `rhdf5`

Examples

```r
h5createFile("ex_createAttribute.h5")
h5write(1:1, "ex_createAttribute.h5","A")
fid <- H5Fopen("ex_createAttribute.h5")
did <- H5Dopen(fid, "A")
h5createAttribute (did, "time", c(1,10))
H5Dclose(did)
H5Fclose(fid)
```
Description

R function to create an HDF5 dataset and defining its dimensionality and compression behaviour.

Usage

```r
h5createDataset(
  file,  
  dataset,  
  dims,  
  maxdims = dims,  
  storage.mode = "double",  
  H5type = NULL,  
  size = NULL,  
  encoding = NULL,  
  chunk = dims,  
  fillValue,  
  level = 6,  
  filter = "gzip",  
  shuffle = TRUE,  
  native = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

- **file**: The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See `H5Fcreate()`, `H5Fopen()`, `H5Gcreate()`, `H5Gopen()` to create an object of this kind.

- **dataset**: Name of the dataset to be created. The name can contain group names, e.g. 'group/dataset', but the function will fail, if the group does not yet exist.

- **dims**: The dimensions of the array as they will appear in the file. Note, the dimensions will appear in inverted order when viewing the file with a C-programm (e.g. HDFView), because the fastest changing dimension in R is the first one, whereas the fastest changing dimension in C is the last one.

- **maxdims**: The maximum extension of the array. Use `H5Sunlimited()` to indicate an extensible dimension.

- **storage.mode**: The storage mode of the data to be written. Can be obtained by `storage.mode(mydata)`.

- **H5type**: Advanced programmers can specify the datatype of the dataset within the file. See `h5const("H5T")` for a list of available datatypes. If `H5type` is specified the argument `storage.mode` is ignored. It is recommended to use `storage.mode`
size

For storage.mode='character' the maximum string length to use. The default value of NULL will result in using variable length strings. See the details for more information on this option.

encoding

The encoding of the string data type. Valid options are "ASCII" or "UTF-8".

chunk

The chunk size used to store the dataset. It is an integer vector of the same length as dims. This argument is usually set together with a compression property (argument level).

fillValue

Standard value for filling the dataset. The storage.mode of value has to be convertible to the dataset type by HDF5.

level

The compression level used. An integer value between 0 (no compression) and 9 (highest and slowest compression).

filter

Character defining which compression filter should be applied to the chunks of the dataset. See the Details section for more information on the options that can be provided here.

shuffle

Logical defining whether the byte-shuffle algorithm should be applied to data prior to compression.

native

An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

details

Creates a new dataset in an existing HDF5 file. The function will fail if the file doesn’t exist or if there exists already another dataset with the same name within the specified file.

The size argument is only used when storage.mode = 'character'. When storing strings HDF5 can use either a fixed or variable length datatype. Setting size to a positive integer will use fixed length strings where size defines the length. rhdf5 writes null padded strings by default and so to avoid data loss the value provided here should be the length of the longest string. Setting size = NULL will use variable length strings. The choice is probably dependent on the nature of the strings you're writing. The principle difference is that a dataset of variable length strings will not be compressed by HDF5 but each individual string only uses the space it requires, whereas in a fixed length dataset each string is of length uses size, but the whole dataset can be compressed. This explored more in the examples below.

The filter argument can take several options matching to compression filters distributed in either with the HDF5 library in Rhdf5lib or via the rhdf5filters package. The plugins available and the corresponding values for selecting them are shown below:

**zlib:** Ubiquitous deflate compression algorithm used in GZIP or ZIP files. All three options below achieve the same result:

- "GZIP"
- "ZLIB"
- "DEFLATE"

**szip:** Compression algorithm maintained by the HDF5 group.

- "SZIP"

**bzip2**

- "BZIP2"
**BLOSC meta compressor:** As a meta-compressor BLOSC wraps several different compression algorithms. Each of the options below will activate a different compression filter.

- "BLOSC_BLOSCLZ"
- "BLOSC_LZ4"
- "BLOSC_LZ4HC"
- "BLOSC_SNAPPY"
- "BLOSC_ZLIB"
- "BLOSC_ZSTD"

**lzf**

- "LZF"

Disable: It is possible to write chunks without any compression applied.

- "NONE"

Value

Returns (invisibly) TRUE if dataset was created successfully and FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Bernd Fischer, Mike L. Smith

**See Also**

h5createFile(), h5createGroup(), h5read(), h5write()

**Examples**

```r
h5createFile("ex_createDataset.h5")

# create dataset with compression
h5createDataset("ex_createDataset.h5", "A", c(5,8), storage.mode = "integer", chunk=c(5,1), level=6)

# create dataset without compression
h5createDataset("ex_createDataset.h5", "B", c(5,8), storage.mode = "integer")

h5createDataset("ex_createDataset.h5", "C", c(5,8), storage.mode = "double")

# create dataset with bzip2 compression
h5createDataset("ex_createDataset.h5", "D", c(5,8), storage.mode = "integer",
                   chunk=c(5,1), filter = "BZIP2", level=6)

# create a dataset of strings & define size based on longest string
ex_strings <- c('long', 'longer', 'longest')
h5createDataset("ex_createDataset.h5", "E",
                   storage.mode = "character", chunk = 3, level = 6,
                   dims = length(ex_strings), size = max(nchar(ex_strings)))

# write data to dataset
h5write(matrix(1:40,nr=5,nc=8), file="ex_createDataset.h5", name="A")

# write second column
h5write(matrix(1:5,nr=5,nc=1), file="ex_createDataset.h5", name="B", index=list(NULL,2))

# write character vector
h5write(ex_strings, file = "ex_createDataset.h5", name = "E")
```
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## create 1000 random strings with length between 50 and 100 characters

```r
words <- ceiling(runif(n = 1000, min = 50, max = 100)) |> vapply(FUN = \(x\) {
paste(sample(letters, size = x, replace = TRUE), collapse = "")
}, FUN.VALUE = character(1))
```

## create two HDF5 files

```r
f1 <- tempfile()
f2 <- tempfile()
h5createFile(f1)
h5createFile(f2)
```

## create two string datasets

```r
## the first is variable length strings, the second fixed at the length of our longest word
h5createDataset(f1, "strings", dims = length(words), storage.mode = "character", size = NULL, chunk = 25)
h5createDataset(f2, "strings", dims = length(words), storage.mode = "character", size = max(nchar(words)), chunk = 25)
```

## Write the data

```r
h5write(words, f1, "strings")
h5write(words, f2, "strings")
```

## Check file sizes.

```r
## In this example the fixed length string dataset is normally much smaller
file.size(f1)
file.size(f2)
```

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**h5_createFile**  Create HDF5 file

**Description**

R function to create an empty HDF5 file.

**Usage**

```r
h5createFile(file)
```

**Arguments**

- **file**  The filename of the HDF5 file.

**Details**

Creates an empty HDF5 file.
**h5_createGroup**

Create HDF5 group

**Value**

Returns (invisibly) TRUE is file was created successfully and FALSE otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Bernd Fischer

**See Also**

`h5createGroup()`, `h5createDataset()`, `h5read()`, `h5write()`, `rhdf5`

**Examples**

```r
h5createFile("ex_createFile.h5")

# create groups
h5createGroup("ex_createFile.h5","foo")
h5createGroup("ex_createFile.h5","foo/foobaa")

h5ls("ex_createFile.h5")
```

---

**Description**

Creates a group within an HDF5 file.

**Usage**

```r
h5createGroup(file, group)
```

**Arguments**

- **file**
  
  The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class `H5IdComponent` representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See `H5Fcreate()`, `H5Fopen()`, `H5Gcreate()`, `H5Gopen()` to create an object of this kind.

- **group**
  
  The name of the new group. The name can contain a hierarchy of groupnames, e.g. "/group1/group2/newgroup", but the function will fail if the top level groups do not exist.

**Details**

Creates a new group within an HDF5 file.
Value
Returns TRUE is group was created successfully and FALSE otherwise.

Author(s)
Bernd Fischer

See Also
h5createFile(), h5createDataset(), h5read(), h5write()

Examples
h5createFile("ex_createGroup.h5")

# create groups
h5createGroup("ex_createGroup.h5", "foo")
h5createGroup("ex_createGroup.h5", "foo/foobaa")

h5ls("ex_createGroup.h5")

h5_delete Delete objects within a HDF5 file

Description
Deletes the specified group or dataset from within an HDF5 file.

Usage
h5delete(file, name)

Arguments
file The filename (character) of the file in which the object is located.
name For h5delete the name of the object to be deleted. For h5deleteAttribute the name of the object to which the attribute belongs.

Author(s)
Mike Smith
**h5_deleteAttribute**  
*Delete attribute*

**Description**

Deletes an attribute associated with a group or dataset within an HDF5 file.

**Usage**

```
h5deleteAttribute(file, name, attribute)
```

**Arguments**

- `file`  
  The filename (character) of the file in which the object is located.
- `name`  
  The name of the object to which the attribute belongs.
- `attribute`  
  Name of the attribute to be deleted.

**Author(s)**

Mike Smith

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**h5_dump**  
*Dump the content of an HDF5 file.*

**Description**

Dump the content of an HDF5 file.

**Usage**

```
h5dump(
    file,
    recursive = TRUE,
    load = TRUE,
    all = FALSE,
    index_type = h5default("H5_INDEX"),
    order = h5default("H5_ITER"),
    s3 = FALSE,
    s3credentials = NULL,
    ...
)
```
Arguments

file
The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. You can also provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(), H5Gopen() to create an object of this kind.

recursive
If TRUE, the content of the whole group hierarchy is listed. If FALSE, only the content of the main group is shown. If a positive integer is provided this indicates the maximum level of the hierarchy that is shown.

load
If TRUE the datasets are read in, not only the header information. Note, that this can cause memory problems for very large files. In this case choose load=FALSE and load the datasets successively.

all
If TRUE, a longer list of information on each entry is provided.

index_type
See h5const("H5_INDEX") for possible arguments.

order
See h5const("H5_ITER") for possible arguments.

s3
Logical value indicating whether the file argument should be treated as a URL to an Amazon S3 bucket, rather than a local file path.

s3credentials
A list of length three, providing the credentials for accessing files in a private Amazon S3 bucket.

... Arguments passed to h5read()

native
An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE

Value

Returns a hierarchical list structure representing the HDF5 group hierarchy. It either returns the datasets within the list structure (load=TRUE) or it returns a data.frame for each dataset with the dataset header information (load=FALSE).

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer, Mike L. Smith

See Also

h5ls()

Examples

h5createFile("ex_ls_dump.h5")

# create groups
h5createGroup("ex_ls_dump.h5","foo")
h5createGroup("ex_ls_dump.h5","foo/foobaa")

# write a matrix
B = array(seq(0.1,2.0,by=0.1),dim=c(5,2,2))
attr(B, "scale") <- "liter"
h5write(B, "ex_ls_dump.h5","foo/B")

# list content of hdf5 file
h5dump("ex_ls_dump.h5")

# list content of an hdf5 file in a public S3 bucket
h5dump(file = "https://rhdf5-public.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/h5ex_t_array.h5", s3 = TRUE)

h5_errorHandling

Set how HDF5 error messages are displayed

Description
Sets the options for handling HDF5 error messages in the R sessions.

Usage
h5errorHandling(type = "normal")

Arguments

  type 'normal' (default) shows a one line error message in R. 'verbose' shows the whole HDF5 error message. 'suppress' suppresses the HDF5 error messages completely.

Value
Returns 0 if options are set successfully.

Author(s)
Bernd Fischer

See Also
rhdf5

Examples
h5errorHandling("normal")
Description

HDF5 1.10 uses file locking by default. On some file systems this is not available, and the HDF5 library will throw an error if the user attempts to create or access a file located on such a file system. These functions help identify if file locking is available without throwing an error, and allow the locking to be disabled for the duration of the R session if needed.

Usage

h5testFileLocking(location)

h5disableFileLocking()

h5enableFileLocking()

Arguments

location  The name of a directory or file to test. If an existing directory is provided a temporary file will be created in this folder. If non-existant location is provided a file with the name will be created, tested for file locking, and then removed. Providing an existing file will result in an error.

Details

h5testFileLocking will create a temporary file and then attempt to apply a file lock using the appropriate function within the HDF5 library. The success or failure of the locking is then recorded and the temporary file removed. Even relatively low level functions such as H5Fcreate will fail inelegantly if file locking fails.

h5disableFileLocking will set the environment variable RHDF5_USE_FILE_LOCKING=FALSE, which is the recommended was to disable this behaviour if file locking is not supported. This will only persist within the current R session. You can set the environment variable outside of R if this is a more general issue on your system.

h5enableFileLocking will unset the RHDF5_USE_FILE_LOCKING environment variable.

More discussion of HDF5’s use of file locking can be found online e.g. https://forum.hdfgroup.org/t/hdf5-1-10-0-and-flock/3761/4 or https://forum.hdfgroup.org/t/hdf5-files-on-nfs/3985/5

Value

h5testFileLocking returns TRUE if a file can be successfully locked at the specified location, or FALSE otherwise.

h5disableFileLocking and h5enableFileLocking set are called for the side effect of setting or unsetting the environment variable HDF5_USE_FILE_LOCKING and do not return anything.
**Author(s)**

Mike Smith

**Examples**

```r
## either a file name or directory can be tested
file <- tempfile()
dir <- tempdir()

h5testFileLocking(dir)
h5testFileLocking(file)

## we can check for file locking, and disable if needed
if( !h5testFileLocking(dir) ) {
  h5disableFileLocking()
}
```

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**h5_read**

*Reads and write object in HDF5 files*

**Description**

Reads objects in HDF5 files. This function can be used to read either full arrays/vectors or subarrays (hyperslabs) from an existing dataset.

**Usage**

```r
h5read(
  file,
  name,
  index = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  stride = NULL,
  block = NULL,
  count = NULL,
  compoundAsDataFrame = TRUE,
  callGeneric = TRUE,
  read.attributes = FALSE,
  drop = FALSE,
  ...
  native = FALSE,
  s3 = FALSE,
  s3credentials = NULL
)
```
Arguments

file  
The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset is located. It is possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate, H5Fopen, H5Gcreate, H5Gopen to create an object of this kind.

name  
The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.

index  
The list of indices for subsetting. The length of the list has to agree with the dimensional extension of the HDF5 array. Each list element is an integer vector of indices. A list element equal to NULL chooses all indices in this dimension. Counting is R-style 1-based.

start  
The start coordinate of a hyperslab (similar to subsetting in R). Counting is R-style 1-based. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

stride  
The stride of the hypercube. Read the introduction http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html before using this argument. R behaves like Fortran in this example. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

block  
The block size of the hyperslab. Read the introduction http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html before using this argument. R behaves like Fortran in this example. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

count  
The number of blocks to be read. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

compoundAsDataFrame  
If true, a compound datatype will be coerced to a data.frame. This is not possible, if the dataset is multi-dimensional. Otherwise the compound datatype will be returned as a list. Nested compound data types will be returned as a nested list.

callGeneric  
If TRUE a generic function h5read.classname will be called if it exists depending on the dataset’s class attribute within the HDF5 file. This function can be used to convert the standard output of h5read depending on the class attribute. Note that h5read is not a S3 generic function. Dispatching is done based on the HDF5 attribute after the standard h5read function.

read.attributes  
(logical) If TRUE, the HDF5 attributes are read and attached to the respective R object.

drop  
(logical) If TRUE, the HDF5 object is read as a vector with NULL dim attributes.

...  
Further arguments passed to H5Dread.

native  
An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

s3  
Logical value indicating whether the file argument should be treated as a URL to an Amazon S3 bucket, rather than a local file path.

s3credentials  
A list of length three, providing the credentials for accessing files in a private Amazon S3 bucket.
**Details**

Read an R object from an HDF5 file. If none of the arguments `start`, `stride`, `block`, `count` are specified, the dataset has the same dimension in the HDF5 file and in memory. If the dataset already exists in the HDF5 file, one can read subarrays, so called hyperslabs from the HDF5 file. The arguments `start`, `stride`, `block`, `count` define the subset of the dataset in the HDF5 file that is to be read/written. See these introductions to hyperslabs: [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/selectsimple.html](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/selectsimple.html), [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/select.html](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/select.html) and [http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html](http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html). Please note that in R the first dimension is the fastest changing dimension.

When viewing the HDF5 datasets with any C-program (e.g. HDFView), the order of dimensions is inverted. In the R interface counting starts with 1, whereas in the C-programs (e.g. HDFView) counting starts with 0.

**Value**

`h5read` returns an array with the data read.

**Author(s)**

Bernd Fischer, Mike Smith

**See Also**

`h5ls`

**Examples**

```r
h5createFile("ex_hdf5file.h5")

# write a matrix
B = array(seq(0.1,2.0,by=0.1),dim=c(5,2,2))
h5write(B, "ex_hdf5file.h5","B")

# read a matrix
E = h5read("ex_hdf5file.h5","B")

# write and read submatrix
h5createDataset("ex_hdf5file.h5", "S", c(5,8), storage.mode = "integer", chunk=c(5,1), level=7)
h5write(matrix(1:5,nr=5,nc=1), file="ex_hdf5file.h5", name="S", index=list(NULL,1))
h5read("ex_hdf5file.h5", "S")
h5read("ex_hdf5file.h5", "S", index=list(NULL,2:3))

# Read a subset of an hdf5 file in a public S3 bucket
h5read('https://rhdf5-public.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/rhdf5ex_t_float_3d.h5',
        s3 = TRUE, name = "a1", index = list(NULL, 3, NULL))
```
h5_readAttributes

Read all attributes from a given location in an HDF5 file

Description
Read all attributes from a given location in an HDF5 file

Usage
h5readAttributes(file, name, native = FALSE, ...)

Arguments
- file: Character vector of length 1, giving the path to the HDF5
- name: Path within the HDF5 file to the object whose attributes should be read.
- native: An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in
  HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation.
- ...: Further arguments passed to H5Aread.

Value
A named list of the same length as the number of attributes attached to the specific object. The
names of the list entries correspond to the attribute names. If no attributes are found an empty list
is returned.

h5_save

Saves a one or more objects to an HDF5 file.

Description
Saves a number of R objects to an HDF5 file.

Usage
h5save(..., file, name = NULL, createnewfile = TRUE, native = FALSE)

Arguments
- ...: The objects to be saved.
- file: The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. It is
  also possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5
  location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate(), H5Fopen(), H5Gcreate(),
  H5Gopen() to create an object of this kind.
h5_set_extent

name A character vector of names for the datasets. The length of the name vector should match the number of objects.

createnewfile If TRUE, a new file will be created if necessary.

native An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE

Details

The objects will be saved to the HDF5 file. If the file does not exist it will be created. The data can be read again by either h5dump() or individually for each dataset by h5read().

Value

Nothing returned.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer

See Also

h5ls(), h5write()

Examples

A = 1:7; B = 1:18; D = seq(0,1,by=0.1)

h5save(A, B, D, file="ex_save.h5")

h5dump("ex_save.h5")
Arguments

file
The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate, H5Fopen, H5Gcreate, H5Gopen to create an object of this kind.

dataset
The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file, or an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 dataset identifier. See H5Dcreate, or H5Dopen to create an object of this kind.

dims
The dimensions of the array as they will appear in the file. Note, the dimensions will appear in inverted order when viewing the file with a C program (e.g. HDFView), because the fastest changing dimension in R is the first one, whereas the fastest changing dimension in C is the last one.

native
An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

Value
Returns 0 if the dimension of the dataset was changed successfully and a negative value otherwise.

Author(s)
Bernd Fischer

Examples

tmpfile <- tempfile()
h5createFile(file=tmpfile)
h5createDataset(tmpfile, "A", c(10,12), c(20,24))
h5ls(tmpfile, all=TRUE)[c("dim", "maxdim")]
h5set_extent(tmpfile, "A", c(20,24))
h5ls(tmpfile, all=TRUE)[c("dim", "maxdim")]

h5_write
Write object to an HDF5 file.

Description
Writes an R object to an HDF5 file. This function can be used to write either full arrays/vectors or subarrays (hyperslabs) within an existing dataset.
Usage

h5write(obj, file, name, ...)

## Default S3 method:
h5write(
  obj,
  file,
  name,
  createnewfile = TRUE,
  write.attributes = FALSE,
  ..., 
  native = FALSE
)

h5writeDataset(obj, h5loc, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
h5writeDataset(obj, h5loc, name, level = 6, chunk, DataFrameAsCompound = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'array'
h5writeDataset(
  obj,
  h5loc, 
  name,
  index = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  stride = NULL,
  block = NULL,
  count = NULL,
  size = NULL,
  variableLengthString = FALSE,
  encoding = NULL,
  level = 6
)

Arguments

obj The R object to be written.

file The filename (character) of the file in which the dataset will be located. For advanced programmers it is possible to provide an object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate, H5Fopen, H5Gcreate, H5Gopen to create an object of this kind.

name The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.

... Further arguments passed to H5Dwrite.

createnewfile If TRUE, a new file will be created if necessary.
write.attributes

(logical) If TRUE, all R-attributes attached to the object obj are written to the HDF5 file.

native

An object of class logical. If TRUE, array-like objects are treated as stored in HDF5 row-major rather than R column-major orientation. Using native = TRUE increases HDF5 file portability between programming languages. A file written with native = TRUE should also be read with native = TRUE.

h5loc

An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 location identifier (file or group). See H5Fcreate, H5Fopen, H5Gcreate, H5Gopen to create an object of this kind.

level

The compression level. An integer value between 0 (no compression) and 9 (highest and slowest compression). Only used, if the dataset does not yet exist. See h5createDataset() to create an dataset.

chunk

Specifies the number of items to be include in an HDF5 chunk. If left unspecified the defaults is the smaller of: the total number of elements or the number of elements that fit within 4GB of memory. If DataFrameAsCompound=FALSE each row of the data.frame can be consider an "element".

DataFrameAsCompound

If true, a data.frame will be saved as a compound data type. Otherwise it is saved like a list. The advantage of saving a data.frame as a compound data type is that it can be read as a table from python or with a struct-type from C. The disadvantage is that the data has to be rearranged on disk and thus can slow down I/O. If fast reading is required, DataFrameAsCompound=FALSE is recommended.

index

List of indices for subsetting. The length of the list has to agree with the dimensional extension of the HDF5 array. Each list element is an integer vector of indices. A list element equal to NULL chooses all indices in this dimension. Counting is R-style 1-based.

start

The start coordinate of a hyperslab (similar to subsetting in R). Counting is R-style 1-based. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

stride

The stride of the hypercube. Read the introduction http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html before using this argument. R behaves like Fortran in this example. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

block

The block size of the hyperslab. Read the introduction http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html before using this argument. R behaves like Fortran in this example. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

count

The number of blocks to be written. This argument is ignored, if index is not NULL.

size

The length of the fixed-width string data type, when obj is a character vector. If NULL, this is set to the length of the largest string.

variableLengthString

Whether character vectors should be written as variable-length strings into the attributes. If TRUE, size is ignored.

encoding

The encoding of the string data type. Valid options are "ASCII" or "UTF-8".
Details

Writes an R object to an HDF5 file. If none of the arguments start, stride, block, count is specified, the dataset has the same dimension in the HDF5 file and in memory. If the dataset already exists in the HDF5 file, one can write subarrays, (so called hyperslabs) to the HDF5 file. The arguments start, stride, block, count define the subset of the dataset in the HDF5 file that is to be written to. See these introductions to hyperslabs: https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/selectsimple.html, https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/select.html and http://ftp.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/Tutor/phypecont.html. Please note that in R the first dimension is the fastest changing dimension.

When viewing the HDF5 datasets with any C-program (e.g. HDFView), the order of dimensions is inverted. In the R interface counting starts with 1, whereas in the C-programs (e.g. HDFView) counting starts with 0.

Value

h5write returns 0 if successful.

Author(s)

Bernd Fischer, Mike Smith

References

https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5

See Also

h5ls, h5createFile, h5createDataset, rhdf5

Examples

h5File <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
h5createFile( h5File )

# write a matrix
B = array(seq(0.1,2.0,by=0.1),dim=c(5,2,2))
attr(B, "scale") <- "liter"
h5write(B, h5File,"B")

# write a submatrix
h5createDataset(h5File, "S", c(5,8), storage.mode = "integer", chunk=c(5,1), level=7)
h5write(matrix(1:5,nr=5,nc=1), file=h5File, name="S", index=list(NULL,1))
Write an R object as an HDF5 attribute

Usage

h5writeAttribute(
  attr,
  h5obj,
  name,
  encoding = NULL,
  cset = NULL,
  variableLengthString = FALSE,
  asScalar = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'array'

h5writeAttribute(
  attr,
  h5obj,
  name,
  encoding = NULL,
  cset = NULL,
  variableLengthString = FALSE,
  asScalar = FALSE
)

Arguments

- **attr**
  - The R object to be written as an HDF5 attribute.

- **h5obj**
  - An object of class H5IdComponent representing a H5 object identifier (file, group, or dataset). See H5Fcreate, H5Fopen, H5Gcreate, H5Gopen, H5Dcreate, or H5Dopen to create an object of this kind.

- **name**
  - The name of the attribute to be written.

- **encoding**
  - The encoding of the string data type. Valid options are "ASCII" and "UTF-8".

- **cset**
  - Deprecated in favour of the encoding argument.

- **variableLengthString**
  - Whether character vectors should be written as variable-length strings into the attributes.

- **asScalar**
  - Whether length-1 attr should be written into a scalar dataspace.
Description

The rhdf5 package provides two categories of functions:

- `h5` functions are high-level R functions that provide a convenient way of accessing HDF5 files
- `H5` functions mirror much of the HDF5 C API
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