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Title R Bindings to 'zarrs': Zarr V3 Storage for Multidimensional Arrays

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Description R bindings to the 'zarrs' Rust library
<<https://github.com/zarrs/zarrs>> for reading Zarr V3 (and compatible Zarr V2) stores from local disk, HTTP/HTTPS, and S3 by default, with optional GCS and Azure Blob support at source-install time. Supports local '.zarr.zip' VCF Zarr archives, multiple codecs (gzip, zstd, sharding), and the common numeric data types. SIMD-accelerated codec paths are selected automatically at runtime by the underlying Rust dependency crates.

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URL <https://github.com/sounkou-bioinfo/Rzarrs>

BugReports <https://github.com/sounkou-bioinfo/Rzarrs/issues>

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codec_capabilities	<i>Report Rzarrrs codec capabilities</i>
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Description

With no argument, returns the codecs compiled into this Rzarrrs build. When passed a ZarrArray, returns support status for the codecs declared by that array, including nested sharding codecs.

Usage

```
codec_capabilities(x = NULL)
```

Arguments

x Optional ZarrArray.

Value

A named list with codec and supported vectors.

dtype_plan	<i>Plan R materialization for a Zarr dtype</i>
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Description

Plan R materialization for a Zarr dtype.

Usage

```
dtype_plan(dtype)
```

Arguments

dtype Character scalar dtype name.

Details

High-precision extension dtypes such as float128, decimal128, and decimal256 are planned as lossy R double values. Actual reading still depends on a registered binary-layout data type materializer because these are extension dtypes, not core built-in zarrs element types.

Value

A named list describing the planned R materialization.

ZarrArray	<i>Zarr array handle</i>
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Description

A handle to a single Zarr array within a store. Arrays can be opened from a local store ([ZarrStore](#)) or an object-store backend ([ZarrObjectStore](#)).

Indexing follows R conventions: indices are **1-based and inclusive** on both ends.

Constructors

`ZarrArray$open(store, path)` Open from a local [ZarrStore](#).

`store` A [ZarrStore](#) object.

`path` Character scalar. Array path within the store, e.g. "/" for the root array.

`ZarrArray$open_object_store(store, path)` Open from a [ZarrObjectStore](#). Same arguments as above but store is a [ZarrObjectStore](#).

Methods

`$ndim()` Number of dimensions (integer scalar).

`$shape()` Array shape (integer vector, one element per dimension).

`$chunk_shape()` Chunk shape (integer vector), or NULL for irregular chunk grids.

`$dtype()` Data type name in Zarr V3 canonical form, e.g. "float32", "int32", "bool" (character scalar).

`$dimension_names()` Dimension names (character vector), or NULL if none are stored.

`$metadata_json()` Full array metadata as pretty-printed JSON (character scalar).

`$retrieve(starts = NULL, ends = NULL)` Read array data into R.

`starts` Integer vector of **1-based** start indices (one per dimension), or NULL to start at the first element.

`ends` Integer vector of **1-based inclusive** end indices (one per dimension), or NULL to include the last element.

Returns a vector of the appropriate R type (integer, double, or logical) with a dim attribute set to the shape of the requested region. Data are returned in R (Fortran / column-major) order so that standard R array indexing works as expected.

See Also

[ZarrStore](#), [ZarrObjectStore](#)

Examples

```
zarr_path <- system.file("testdata", "int32.zarr", package = "Rzarrs")
arr <- ZarrArray$open(ZarrStore$open(zarr_path), "/")

arr$ndim()      # 2
arr$shape()     # c(4L, 6L)
arr$dtype()     # "int32"

# Full array
full <- arr$retrieve()
dim(full)       # c(4L, 6L)
full[1, 6]      # 6

# Subset: rows 1-2, cols 1-3
sub <- arr$retrieve(c(1L, 1L), c(2L, 3L))
dim(sub)        # c(2L, 3L)
```

ZarrGroup

A handle to a Zarr group (root or sub-group) within a store.

Description

Groups may contain arrays and/or sub-groups. Use `$attributes()` to read the group's JSON attributes as a native R list, and `$children()` to list the immediate child nodes.

Usage

```
ZarrGroup
```

Format

An object of class `Rzarrs::ZarrGroup__bundle` (inherits from `savvy_Rzarrs__sealed`) of length 2.

ZarrObjectStore	<i>Object-store Zarr backend (S3, GCS, Azure, HTTP/HTTPS)</i>
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Description

A handle to a Zarr store backed by any URL scheme supported by the `object_store` crate: `s3://`, `gs://`, `az://`, `https://`, or `file:///`. URLs ending in

`ile.zarr.zip` or

`ile.zip` are opened as zip objects when the Rust

`ilezip` feature is enabled.

Credentials are read automatically from the standard environment variables for each provider (the same ones used by the AWS CLI, `gsutil`, `azcopy`, etc.). No credentials are ever passed as R objects.

Constructor

`ZarrObjectStore$open(url)` Open an object-store backend.

`url` Character scalar. Store URL, e.g. `"s3://my-bucket/path/to/store.zarr"`, `"s3://my-bucket/path/to/store.zip"` or `"https://example.com/store.zarr"`.

Returns a `ZarrObjectStore` object.

Methods

`$url()` Return the URL passed to `open()` as a character scalar.

Credentials

Set the relevant environment variables *before* calling `open()`:

AWS S3 `AWS_ACCESS_KEY_ID`, `AWS_SECRET_ACCESS_KEY`, `AWS_REGION`, `AWS_ENDPOINT_URL`

Google GCS `GOOGLE_APPLICATION_CREDENTIALS`

Azure Blob `AZURE_STORAGE_ACCOUNT`, `AZURE_STORAGE_ACCESS_KEY`

See Also

[ZarrStore](#), [ZarrArray](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
store <- ZarrObjectStore$open("s3://my-bucket/my.zarr")
arr    <- ZarrArray$open_object_store(store, "/")
arr$shape()

## End(Not run)
```

ZarrStore	<i>Local Zarr filesystem store</i>
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Description

A handle to a Zarr store rooted at a local directory. Use `ZarrStore$open(path)` to create one, then pass it to `ZarrArray$open(store, path)` to open individual arrays.

Constructor

`ZarrStore$open(path)` Open a local Zarr store.

path Character scalar. Path to the ‘.zarr’ directory.

Returns a ZarrStore object.

Methods

`$path()` Return the store root path as a character scalar.

See Also

[ZarrObjectStore](#), [ZarrArray](#)

Examples

```
zarr_path <- system.file("testdata", "int32.zarr", package = "Rzarrs")
store <- ZarrStore$open(zarr_path)
store$path()
```

ZarrVcf	<i>High-level VCF Zarr reader</i>
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Description

‘`ZarrVcf$open(x)`’ opens a VCF Zarr store (spec versions 0.1–0.4) and returns an instance with methods to access variant, sample, and genotype data. Genotypes use the VCF Zarr integer encoding: allele indexes are 0-based, ‘-1’ is a missing allele (‘.’ in VCF), and ‘-2’ is the array fill sentinel.

Usage

`ZarrVcf`

Format

An object of class `Rzarrs::ZarrVcf__bundle` (inherits from `savvy_Rzarrs__sealed`) of length 3.

Methods

- `$open(x)`** Open a VCF Zarr store from a path, URL, `'ZarrStore'`, or `'ZarrObjectStore'`.
- `$version()`** VCF Zarr spec version string.
- `$n_variants()`, `$n_samples()`** Number of variants and samples.
- `$samples()`, `$contigs()`, `$filters()`** Character vectors of sample IDs, contig names, filter IDs.
- `$fields()`** Available array names.
- `$variant_position()`, `$variant_contig()`, `$variant_allele()`** Per-variant data.
- `$genotypes(variants, samples)`** 3-D array (variants $\times$ samples $\times$ ploidy) of integer genotypes using VCF Zarr `'-1'`/`'-2'` sentinel values.
- `$call_genotype_phased(variants, samples)`** Boolean phased matrix.
- `$variant(name)`, `$call(name)`** Generic accessor for `'variant_<name>'` / `'call_<name>'` arrays.

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