Package ‘arrow’

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array

**Description**

An Array is an immutable data array with some logical type and some length. Most logical types are contained in the base Array class; there are also subclasses for DictionaryArray, ListArray, and StructArray.

**Factory**

The `Array$create()` factory method instantiates an Array and takes the following arguments:

- `x`: an R vector, list, or data.frame
- `type`: an optional data type for `x`. If omitted, the type will be inferred from the data.

`Array$create()` will return the appropriate subclass of Array, such as DictionaryArray when given an R factor.

To compose a DictionaryArray directly, call DictionaryArray$create(), which takes two arguments:

- `x`: an R vector or Array of integers for the dictionary indices
- `dict`: an R vector or Array of dictionary values (like R factor levels but not limited to strings only)
array

Usage

```
a <- Array$create(x)
length(a)
print(a)
a == a
```

Methods

- `$IsNull(i)`: Return true if value at index is null. Does not boundscheck
- `$IsValid(i)`: Return true if value at index is valid. Does not boundscheck
- `$length()`: Size in the number of elements this array contains
- `$nbytes()`: Total number of bytes consumed by the elements of the array
- `$offset`: A relative position into another array’s data, to enable zero-copy slicing
- `$null_count`: The number of null entries in the array
- `$type`: logical type of data
- `$type_id()`: type id
- `$Equals(other)`: is this array equal to other
- `$ApproxEquals(other)`:  
- `$Diff(other)`: return a string expressing the difference between two arrays
- `$data()`: return the underlying `ArrayData`
- `$as_vector()`: convert to an R vector
- `$toString()`: string representation of the array
- `$Slice(offset, length = NULL)`: Construct a zero-copy slice of the array with the indicated offset and length. If length is NULL, the slice goes until the end of the array.
- `$Take(i)`: return an `Array` with values at positions given by integers (R vector or `Array Array`) `i`.
- `$Filter(i, keep_na = TRUE)`: return an `Array` with values at positions where logical vector (or Arrow boolean `Array`) `i` is TRUE.
- `$SortIndices(descending = FALSE)`: return an `Array` of integer positions that can be used to rearrange the `Array` in ascending or descending order
- `$RangeEquals(other, start_idx, end_idx, other_start_idx)`:  
- `$cast(target_type, safe = TRUE, options = cast_options(safe))`: Alter the data in the array to change its type.
- `$View(type)`: Construct a zero-copy view of this array with the given type.
- `$Validate()`: Perform any validation checks to determine obvious inconsistencies within the array’s internal data. This can be an expensive check, potentially $O(length)$

Examples

```
my_array <- Array$create(1:10)
my_array$type
my_array$cast(int8())

# Check if value is null; zero-indexed
```
na_array <- Array$create(c(1:5, NA))
na_array$IsNull(0)
na_array$IsNull(5)
na_array$IsValid(5)
na_array$null_count

# zero-copy slicing; the offset of the new Array will be the same as the index passed to $Slice
new_array <- na_array$Slice(5)
new_array$offset

# Compare 2 arrays
na_array2 <- na_array
na_array2 == na_array # element-wise comparison
na_array2$Equals(na_array) # overall comparison

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ArrayData | ArrayData class
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**Description**

The `ArrayData` class allows you to get and inspect the data inside an `arrow::Array`.

**Usage**

```r
data <- Array$create(x)$data()
```

data$type
data$length
data$null_count
data$offset
data$buffers

**Methods**

...

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arrow_available | Is the C++ Arrow library available?
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**Description**

You won’t generally need to call these function, but they’re made available for diagnostic purposes.
arrow_info

Usage
arrow_available()
arrow_with_dataset()
arrow_with_parquet()
arrow_with_s3()
arrow_with_json()

Value
TRUE or FALSE depending on whether the package was installed with:
  • The Arrow C++ library (check with `arrow_available()`)
  • Arrow Dataset support enabled (check with `arrow_with_dataset()`)
  • Parquet support enabled (check with `arrow_with_parquet()`)
  • JSON support enabled (check with `arrow_with_json()`)
  • Amazon S3 support enabled (check with `arrow_with_s3()`)

See Also
If any of these are FALSE, see `vignette("install", package = "arrow")` for guidance on reinstalling the package.

Examples
arrow_available()
arrow_with_dataset()
arrow_with_parquet()
arrow_with_json()
arrow_with_s3()

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<th>Report information on the package’s capabilities</th>
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Description
This function summarizes a number of build-time configurations and run-time settings for the Arrow package. It may be useful for diagnostics.

Usage
arrow_info()
**Value**

A list including version information, boolean "capabilities", and statistics from Arrow’s memory allocator, and also Arrow’s run-time information.

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**Buffer class**

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**Description**

A Buffer is an object containing a pointer to a piece of contiguous memory with a particular size.

**Usage**

`buffer(x)`

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  R object. Only raw, numeric and integer vectors are currently supported

**Value**

an instance of Buffer that borrows memory from `x`

**Factory**

`buffer()` lets you create an `arrow::Buffer` from an R object

**Methods**

- `$is_mutable` : is this buffer mutable?
- `$ZeroPadding()` : zero bytes in padding, i.e. bytes between size and capacity
- `$size` : size in memory, in bytes
- `$capacity` : possible capacity, in bytes

**Examples**

```r
my_buffer <- buffer(c(1, 2, 3, 4))
my_buffer$is_mutable
my_buffer$ZeroPadding()
my_buffer$size
my_buffer$capacity
```
call_function

### Description

This function provides a lower-level API for calling Arrow functions by their string function name. You won’t use it directly for most applications. Many Arrow compute functions are mapped to R methods, and in a `dplyr` evaluation context, all Arrow functions are callable with an `arrow_` prefix.

### Usage

```r
call_function(
  function_name,
  ..., 
  args = list(...),
  options = empty_named_list()
)
```

### Arguments

- **function_name**: string Arrow compute function name
- **...**: Function arguments, which may include `Array`, `ChunkedArray`, `Scalar`, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`.
- **args**: list arguments as an alternative to specifying in `...`
- **options**: named list of C++ function options.

### Details

When passing indices in `...`, `args`, or `options`, express them as 0-based integers (consistent with C++).

### Value

An `Array`, `ChunkedArray`, `Scalar`, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`, whatever the compute function results in.

### See Also

Arrow C++ documentation for the functions and their respective options.

### Examples

```r
a <- Array$create(c(1L, 2L, 3L, NA, 5L))
s <- Scalar$create(4L)
call_function("coalesce", a, s)
```
a <- Array$create(rnorm(10000))
call_function("quantile", a, options = list(q = seq(0, 1, 0.25)))

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### Description

A ChunkedArray is a data structure managing a list of primitive Arrow Arrays logically as one large array. Chunked arrays may be grouped together in a Table.

### Usage

```r
chunked_array(..., type = NULL)
```

### Arguments

- `...`: Vectors to coerce
- `type`: currently ignored

### Factory

The ChunkedArray$create() factory method instantiates the object from various Arrays or R vectors. chunked_array() is an alias for it.

### Methods

- `$length()`: Size in the number of elements this array contains
- `$chunk(i)`: Extract an Array chunk by integer position
- `$nbytes()`: Total number of bytes consumed by the elements of the array
- `$as_vector()`: convert to an R vector
- `$Slice(offset, length = NULL)`: Construct a zero-copy slice of the array with the indicated offset and length. If length is NULL, the slice goes until the end of the array.
- `$Take(i)`: return a ChunkedArray with values at positions given by integers i. If i is an Arrow Array or ChunkedArray, it will be coerced to an R vector before taking.
- `$Filter(i, keep_na = TRUE)`: return a ChunkedArray with values at positions where logical vector or Arrow boolean-type (Chunked)Array i is TRUE.
- `$SortIndices(descending = FALSE)`: return an Array of integer positions that can be used to rearrange the ChunkedArray in ascending or descending order
- `$cast(target_type, safe = TRUE, options = cast_options(safe))`: Alter the data in the array to change its type.
- `$null_count`: The number of null entries in the array
- `$chunks`: return a list of Arrays
- `$num_chunks`: integer number of chunks in the ChunkedArray
- `$type`: logical type of data
Codec

Description

Codecs allow you to create compressed input and output streams.

Factory

The `Codec$create()` factory method takes the following arguments:

- **type**: string name of the compression method. Possible values are "uncompressed", "snappy", "gzip", "brotli", "zstd", "lz4", "lz0", or "bz2". `type` may be upper- or lower-cased. Not all methods may be available; support depends on build-time flags for the C++ library. See `codec_is_available()`). Most builds support at least "snappy" and "gzip". All support "uncompressed".
- **compression_level**: compression level, the default value (NA) uses the default compression level for the selected compression type.
### codec_is_available

**Check whether a compression codec is available**

**Description**

Support for compression libraries depends on the build-time settings of the Arrow C++ library. This function lets you know which are available for use.

**Usage**

```python
codec_is_available(type)
```

**Arguments**

- `type` (A string, one of "uncompressed", "snappy", "gzip", "brotli", "zstd", "lz4", "lz4", or "bz2", case insensitive).

**Value**

Logical: is type available?

**Examples**

```python
codec_is_available("gzip")
```

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### Compressed stream classes

**Description**

CompressedInputStream and CompressedOutputStream allow you to apply a compression Codec to an input or output stream.

**Factory**

The `CompressedInputStream$create()` and `CompressedOutputStream$create()` factory methods instantiate the object and take the following arguments:

- `stream` An `InputStream` or `OutputStream`, respectively
- `codec` A Codec, either a `Codec` instance or a string
- `compression_level` compression level for when the codec argument is given as a string

**Methods**

Methods are inherited from `InputStream` and `OutputStream`, respectively
Copy files between FileSystems

Usage

```
copy_files(from, to, chunk_size = 1024L * 1024L)
```

Arguments

- **from**: A string path to a local directory or file, a URI, or a SubTreeFileSystem. Files will be copied recursively from this path.
- **to**: A string path to a local directory or file, a URI, or a SubTreeFileSystem. Directories will be created as necessary.
- **chunk_size**: The maximum size of block to read before flushing to the destination file. A larger chunk_size will use more memory while copying but may help accommodate high latency FileSystems.

Value

Nothing: called for side effects in the file system

Examples

```
# Copy an S3 bucket's files to a local directory:
copy_files("s3://your-bucket-name", "local-directory")
# Using a FileSystem object
copy_files(s3_bucket("your-bucket-name"), "local-directory")
# Or go the other way, from local to S3
copy_files("local-directory", s3_bucket("your-bucket-name"))
```

Manage the global CPU thread pool in libarrow

Description

Manage the global CPU thread pool in libarrow
create_package_with_all_dependencies

Usage

```r
cpu_count()
set_cpu_count(num_threads)
```

Arguments

- `num_threads` integer: New number of threads for thread pool

create_package_with_all_dependencies

*Create a source bundle that includes all thirdparty dependencies*

Description

Create a source bundle that includes all thirdparty dependencies

Usage

```r
create_package_with_all_dependencies(dest_file = NULL, source_file = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `dest_file` File path for the new tar.gz package. Defaults to `arrow_V.V.V_with_deps.tar.gz` in the current directory (V.V.V is the version)
- `source_file` File path for the input tar.gz package. Defaults to downloading the package from CRAN (or whatever you have set as the first in `getOption("repos")`)

Value

The full path to `dest_file`, invisibly

This function is used for setting up an offline build. If it’s possible to download at build time, don’t use this function. Instead, let `cmake` download the required dependencies for you. These downloaded dependencies are only used in the build if `ARROW_DEPENDENCY_SOURCE` is unset, BUNDLED, or AUTO. [https://arrow.apache.org/docs/developers/cpp/building.html#offline-builds](https://arrow.apache.org/docs/developers/cpp/building.html#offline-builds)

If you’re using binary packages you shouldn’t need to use this function. You should download the appropriate binary from your package repository, transfer that to the offline computer, and install that. Any OS can create the source bundle, but it cannot be installed on Windows. (Instead, use a standard Windows binary package.)

Note if you’re using RStudio Package Manager on Linux: If you still want to make a source bundle with this function, make sure to set the first repo in `options("repos")` to be a mirror that contains source packages (that is: something other than the RSPM binary mirror URLs).

**Steps for an offline install with optional dependencies::**

*Using a computer with internet access, pre-download the dependencies::*

- Install the arrow package or run `source("https://raw.githubusercontent.com/apache/arrow/master/r/R/install-arrow.R")`
• Run `create_package_with_all_dependencies("my_arrow_pkg.tar.gz")`
• Copy the newly created `my_arrow_pkg.tar.gz` to the computer without internet access

*On the computer without internet access, install the prepared package:*

• Install the arrow package from the copied file
  – `install.packages("my_arrow_pkg.tar.gz", dependencies = c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo"))`
  – This installation will build from source, so `cmake` must be available
• Run `arrow_info()` to check installed capabilities

### Examples
```
## Not run:
new_pkg <- create_package_with_all_dependencies()
# Note: this works when run in the same R session, but it's meant to be
# copied to a different computer.
install.packages(new_pkg, dependencies = c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo"))
```
```
## End(Not run)
```

## Description

`CsvReadOptions`, `CsvParseOptions`, `CsvConvertOptions`, `JsonReadOptions`, `JsonParseOptions`, and `TimestampParser` are containers for various file reading options. See their usage in `read_csv_arrow()` and `read_json_arrow()`, respectively.

### Factory

The `CsvReadOptions$create()` and `JsonReadOptions$create()` factory methods take the following arguments:

• `use_threads` Whether to use the global CPU thread pool
• `block_size` Block size we request from the IO layer; also determines the size of chunks when `use_threads` is TRUE. NB: if FALSE, JSON input must end with an empty line.

`CsvReadOptions$create()` further accepts these additional arguments:

• `skip_rows` Number of lines to skip before reading data (default 0)
• `column_names` Character vector to supply column names. If length-0 (the default), the first non-skipped row will be parsed to generate column names, unless `autogenerate_column_names` is TRUE.
• `autogenerate_column_names` Logical: generate column names instead of using the first non-skipped row (the default)? If TRUE, column names will be "f0", "f1", ..., "fN".

`CsvParseOptions$create()` takes the following arguments:
• delimiter Field delimiting character (default ",")
• quoting Logical: are strings quoted? (default TRUE)
• quote_char Quoting character, if quoting is TRUE
• double_quote Logical: are quotes inside values double-quoted? (default TRUE)
• escaping Logical: whether escaping is used (default FALSE)
• escape_char Escaping character, if escaping is TRUE
• newlines_in_values Logical: are values allowed to contain CR (0x0d) and LF (0x0a) characters? (default FALSE)
• ignore_empty_lines Logical: should empty lines be ignored (default) or generate a row of missing values (if FALSE)?

JsonParseOptions$create() accepts only the newlines_in_values argument.

CsvConvertOptions$create() takes the following arguments:
  • check_utf8 Logical: check UTF8 validity of string columns? (default TRUE)
  • null_values character vector of recognized spellings for null values. Analogous to the na.strings argument to read.csv() or na in readr::read_csv().
  • strings_can_be_null Logical: can string / binary columns have null values? Similar to the quoted_na argument to readr::read_csv(). (default FALSE)
  • true_values character vector of recognized spellings for TRUE values
  • false_values character vector of recognized spellings for FALSE values
  • col_types A Schema or NULL to infer types
  • auto_dict_encode Logical: Whether to try to automatically dictionary-encode string / binary data (think stringsAsFactors). Default FALSE. This setting is ignored for non-inferred columns (those in col_types).
  • auto_dict_max_cardinality If auto_dict_encode, string/binary columns are dictionary-encoded up to this number of unique values (default 50), after which it switches to regular encoding.
  • include_columns If non-empty, indicates the names of columns from the CSV file that should be actually read and converted (in the vector’s order).
  • include_missing_columns Logical: if include_columns is provided, should columns named in it but not found in the data be included as a column of type null()? The default (FALSE) means that the reader will instead raise an error.
  • timestamp_parsers User-defined timestamp parsers. If more than one parser is specified, the CSV conversion logic will try parsing values starting from the beginning of this vector. Possible values are (a) NULL, the default, which uses the ISO-8601 parser; (b) a character vector of strftime parse strings; or (c) a list of TimestampParser objects.
  • encoding The file encoding.

TimestampParser$create() takes an optional format string argument. See strftime() for example syntax. The default is to use an ISO-8601 format parser.

The CsvWriteOptions$create() factory method takes the following arguments:
  • include_header Whether to write an initial header line with column names
  • batch_size Maximum number of rows processed at a time. Default is 1024.
Active bindings

- column_names: from CsvReadOptions

CsvTableReader  Arrow CSV and JSON table reader classes

Description

CsvTableReader and JsonTableReader wrap the Arrow C++ CSV and JSON table readers. See their usage in read_csv_arrow() and read_json_arrow(), respectively.

Factory

The CsvTableReader$create() and JsonTableReader$create() factory methods take the following arguments:

- file An Arrow InputStream
- convert_options (CSV only), parse_options, read_options: see CsvReadOptions
- ... additional parameters.

Methods

- $Read(): returns an Arrow Table.

data-type  Apache Arrow data types

Description

These functions create type objects corresponding to Arrow types. Use them when defining a schema() or as inputs to other types, like struct. Most of these functions don’t take arguments, but a few do.

Usage

int8()
int16()
int32()
int64()
uint8()
data-type

uint16()
uint32()
uint64()
float16()
halffloat()
float32()
float()
float64()
boolean()
bool()
utf8()
large_utf8()
binary()
large_binary()
fixed_size_binary(byte_width)
string()
date32()
date64()
time32(unit = c("ms", "s"))
time64(unit = c("ns", "us"))
duration(unit = c("s", "ms", "us", "ns"))
null()
timestamp(unit = c("s", "ms", "us", "ns"), timezone = "")
decimal(precision, scale)
decimal128(precision, scale)
decimal256(precision, scale)
struct(...) 
list_of(type)
large_list_of(type)
fixed_size_list_of(type, list_size)
map_of(key_type, item_type, .keys_sorted = FALSE)

Arguments

byte_width    byte width for FixedSizeBinary type.
unit          For time/timestamp types, the time unit. time32() can take either "s" or "ms", while time64() can be "us" or "ns". timestamp() can take any of those four values.
timezone      For timestamp(), an optional time zone string.
precision     For decimal(), decimal128(), and decimal256() the number of significant digits the arrow decimal type can represent. The maximum precision for decimal128() is 38 significant digits, while for decimal256() it is 76 digits. decimal() will use it to choose which type of decimal to return.
scale         For decimal(), decimal128(), and decimal256() the number of digits after the decimal point. It can be negative.
...           For struct(), a named list of types to define the struct columns
type          For list_of(), a data type to make a list-of-type
list_size     list size for FixedSizeList type.
key_type, item_type
               For MapType, the key and item types.
.key_sorted    Use TRUE to assert that keys of a MapType are sorted.

Details

A few functions have aliases:

- utf8() and string()
- float16() and halffloat()
- float32() and float()
- bool() and boolean()
- When called inside an arrow function, such as schema() or cast(), double() also is supported as a way of creating a float64()
date32() creates a datetime type with a "day" unit, like the R Date class. date64() has a "ms" unit.

uint32 (32 bit unsigned integer), uint64 (64 bit unsigned integer), and int64 (64-bit signed integer) types may contain values that exceed the range of R's integer type (32-bit signed integer). When these arrow objects are translated to R objects, uint32 and uint64 are converted to double ("numeric") and int64 is converted to bit64::integer64. For int64 types, this conversion can be disabled (so that int64 always yields a bit64::integer64 object) by setting options(arrow.int64_downcast = FALSE).

decimal128() creates a Decimal128Type. Arrow decimals are fixed-point decimal numbers encoded as a scalar integer. The precision is the number of significant digits that the decimal type can represent; the scale is the number of digits after the decimal point. For example, the number 1234.567 has a precision of 7 and a scale of 3. Note that scale can be negative.

As an example, decimal128(7,3) can exactly represent the numbers 1234.567 and -1234.567 (encoded internally as the 128-bit integers 1234567 and -1234567, respectively), but neither 12345.67 nor 123.4567.

decimal128(5,-3) can exactly represent the number 12345000 (encoded internally as the 128-bit integer 12345), but neither 123450000 nor 1234500. The scale can be thought of as an argument that controls rounding. When negative, scale causes the number to be expressed using scientific notation and power of 10.

decimal256() creates a Decimal256Type, which allows for higher maximum precision. For most use cases, the maximum precision offered by Decimal128Type is sufficient, and it will result in a more compact and more efficient encoding.

# decimal() creates either a Decimal128Type or a Decimal256Type depending on the value for precision. If precision is greater than 38 a Decimal256Type is returned, otherwise a Decimal128Type.

Use decimal128() or decimal256() as the names are more informative than decimal().

Value

An Arrow type object inheriting from DataType.

See Also

dictionary() for creating a dictionary (factor-like) type.

Examples

bool()
struct(a = int32(), b = double())
timestamp("ms", timezone = "CEST")
time64("ns")
Dataset

Multi-file datasets

Description

Arrow Datasets allow you to query against data that has been split across multiple files. This sharding of data may indicate partitioning, which can accelerate queries that only touch some partitions (files).

A Dataset contains one or more Fragments, such as files, of potentially differing type and partitioning.

For Dataset$create(), see open_dataset(), which is an alias for it.

Factory

DatasetFactory is used to provide finer control over the creation of Datasets.

Factory

DatasetFactory is used to create a Dataset, inspect the Schema of the fragments contained in it, and declare a partitioning. FileSystemDatasetFactory is a subclass of DatasetFactory for discovering files in the local file system, the only currently supported file system.

For the DatasetFactory$create() factory method, see dataset_factory(), an alias for it. A DatasetFactory has:

- $Inspect(unify_schemas): If unify_schemas is TRUE, all fragments will be scanned and a unified Schema will be created from them; if FALSE (default), only the first fragment will be inspected for its schema. Use this fast path when you know and trust that all fragments have an identical schema.
- $Finish(schema, unify_schemas): Returns a Dataset. If schema is provided, it will be used for the Dataset; if omitted, a Schema will be created from inspecting the fragments (files) in the dataset, following unify_schemas as described above.

FileSystemDatasetFactory$create() is a lower-level factory method and takes the following arguments:

- filesystem: A FileSystem
- selector: Either a FileSelector or NULL
- paths: Either a character vector of file paths or NULL
- format: A FileFormat
- partitioning: Either Partitioning, PartitioningFactory, or NULL

Methods

A Dataset has the following methods:

- $NewScan(): Returns a ScannerBuilder for building a query
- $schema: Active binding that returns the Schema of the Dataset; you may also replace the dataset’s schema by using ds$schema <- new_schema. This method currently supports only adding, removing, or reordering fields in the schema: you cannot alter or cast the field types.
FileSystemDataset has the following methods:
  • $files: Active binding, returns the files of the FileSystemDataset
  • $format: Active binding, returns the FileFormat of the FileSystemDataset

UnionDataset has the following methods:
  • $children: Active binding, returns all child Datasets.

See Also
  open_dataset() for a simple interface to creating a Dataset

dataset_factory
Create a DatasetFactory

Description
A Dataset can constructed using one or more DatasetFactories. This function helps you construct a DatasetFactory that you can pass to open_dataset().

Usage
dataset_factory(
  x,
  filesystem = NULL,
  format = c("parquet", "arrow", "ipc", "feather", "csv", "tsv", "text"),
  partitioning = NULL,
  hive_style = NA,
  ...
)

Arguments
x
A string path to a directory containing data files, a vector of one or more string paths to data files, or a list of DatasetFactory objects whose datasets should be combined. If this argument is specified it will be used to construct a UnionDatasetFactory and other arguments will be ignored.

filesystem
A FileSystem object; if omitted, the FileSystem will be detected from x

format
A FileFormat object, or a string identifier of the format of the files in x. Currently supported values:
  • "parquet"
  • "ipc"/"arrow"/"feather", all aliases for each other; for Feather, note that only version 2 files are supported
  • "csv"/"text", aliases for the same thing (because comma is the default delimiter for text files
  • "tsv", equivalent to passing format = "text", delimiter = "\t"
Default is "parquet", unless a delimiter is also specified, in which case it is assumed to be "text".

### Data Types

**partitioning**

One of

- A Schema, in which case the file paths relative to sources will be parsed, and path segments will be matched with the schema fields. For example, `schema(year = int16(), month = int8())` would create partitions for file paths like "2019/01/file.parquet", "2019/02/file.parquet", etc.
- A character vector that defines the field names corresponding to those path segments (that is, you’re providing the names that would correspond to a Schema but the types will be autodetected)
- A HivePartitioning or HivePartitioningFactory, as returned by `hive_partition()` which parses explicit or autodetected fields from Hive-style path segments
- NULL for no partitioning

**hive_style**

Logical: if partitioning is a character vector or a Schema, should it be interpreted as specifying Hive-style partitioning? Default is NA, which means to inspect the file paths for Hive-style partitioning and behave accordingly.

**...**

Additional format-specific options, passed to `FileFormat$create()`. For CSV options, note that you can specify them either with the Arrow C++ library naming ("delimiter", "quoting", etc.) or the `readr`-style naming used in `read_csv_arrow()` ("delim", "quote", etc.). Not all `readr` options are currently supported; please file an issue if you encounter one that `arrow` should support.

### Details

If you would only have a single DatasetFactory (for example, you have a single directory containing Parquet files), you can call `open_dataset()` directly. Use `dataset_factory()` when you want to combine different directories, file systems, or file formats.

### Value

A DatasetFactory object. Pass this to `open_dataset()`, in a list potentially with other DatasetFactory objects, to create a Dataset.

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**class arrow::DataType**

### Description

class arrow::DataType

### Methods

TODO
**Description**

Create a dictionary type

**Usage**

```python
dictionary(index_type = int32(), value_type = utf8(), ordered = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `index_type` A `DataType` for the indices (default `int32()`)
- `value_type` A `DataType` for the values (default `utf8()`)
- `ordered` Is this an ordered dictionary (default `FALSE`)?

**Value**

A `DictionaryType`

**See Also**

- Other Arrow data types

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**DictionaryType**

**Description**

class `DictionaryType`

**Methods**

- `TODO`
Expression

Arrow expressions

Description

Expressions are used to define filter logic for passing to a Dataset Scanner.

Expression$scalar(x) constructs an Expression which always evaluates to the provided scalar (length-1) R value.

Expression$field_ref(name) is used to construct an Expression which evaluates to the named column in the Dataset against which it is evaluated.

Expression$create(function_name,...,options) builds a function-call Expression containing one or more Expressions.

FeatherReader

FeatherReader class

Description

This class enables you to interact with Feather files. Create one to connect to a file or other InputStream, and call Read() on it to make an arrow::Table. See its usage in read_feather().

Factory

The FeatherReader$create() factory method instantiates the object and takes the following argument:

• file an Arrow file connection object inheriting from RandomAccessFile.

Methods

• $Read(columns): Returns a Table of the selected columns, a vector of integer indices
• $column_names: Active binding, returns the column names in the Feather file
• $schema: Active binding, returns the schema of the Feather file
• $version: Active binding, returns 1 or 2, according to the Feather file version
Field

Field class

Description

field() lets you create an arrow::Field that maps a DataType to a column name. Fields are contained in Schemas.

Usage

field(name, type, metadata, nullable = TRUE)

Arguments

name field name
type logical type, instance of DataType
metadata currently ignored
nullable TRUE if field is nullable

Methods

• f$toString(): convert to a string
• f$equals(other): test for equality. More naturally called as f == other

Examples

field("x", int32())

FileFormat

Dataset file formats

Description

A FileFormat holds information about how to read and parse the files included in a Dataset. There are subclasses corresponding to the supported file formats (ParquetFileFormat and IpcFileFormat).
**Factory**

`FileFormat$create()` takes the following arguments:

- **format**: A string identifier of the file format. Currently supported values:
  - "parquet"
  - "ipc"/"arrow"/"feather", all aliases for each other; for Feather, note that only version 2 files are supported
  - "csv"/"text", aliases for the same thing (because comma is the default delimiter for text files
  - "tsv", equivalent to passing format = "text", delimiter = "\t"

- **...**: Additional format-specific options

  - 'format = "parquet"':
    - `dict_columns`: Names of columns which should be read as dictionaries.
    - Any Parquet options from `FragmentScanOptions`.

  - 'format = "text"': see `CsvParseOptions`. Note that you can specify them either with the Arrow C++ library naming ("delimiter", "quoting", etc.) or the `readr`-style naming used in `read_csv_arrow()` ("delim", "quote", etc.). Not all `readr` options are currently supported; please file an issue if you encounter one that `arrow` should support. Also, the following options are supported. From `CsvReadOptions`:
    - `skip_rows`
    - `column_names`. Note that if a `Schema` is specified, `column_names` must match those specified in the schema.
    - `autogenerate_column_names` From `CsvFragmentScanOptions` (these values can be overridden at scan time):
    - `convert_options`: a `CsvConvertOptions`
    - `block_size`

It returns the appropriate subclass of `FileFormat` (e.g. `ParquetFileFormat`)

### Examples

```
## Semi-colon delimited files
# Set up directory for examples
tf <- tempfile()
dir.create(tf)
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write.table(mtcars, file.path(tf, "file1.txt"), sep = ";", row.names = FALSE)

# Create FileFormat object
format <- FileFormat$create(format = "text", delimiter = ";")

open_dataset(tf, format = format)
```
FileInfo  

**FileSystem entry info**

**Description**

FileSystem entry info

**Methods**

- `base_name()`: The file base name (component after the last directory separator).
- `extension()`: The file extension

**Active bindings**

- `$type`: The file type
- `$path`: The full file path in the filesystem
- `$size`: The size in bytes, if available. Only regular files are guaranteed to have a size.
- `$mtime`: The time of last modification, if available.

FileSelector  

**file selector**

**Description**

file selector

**Factory**

The `create()` factory method instantiates a `FileSelector` given the 3 fields described below.

**Fields**

- `base_dir`: The directory in which to select files. If the path exists but doesn't point to a directory, this should be an error.
- `allow_not_found`: The behavior if `base_dir` doesn't exist in the filesystem. If `FALSE`, an error is returned. If `TRUE`, an empty selection is returned
- `recursive`: Whether to recurse into subdirectories.
FileSystem

FileSystem classes

Description

FileSystem is an abstract file system API. LocalFileSystem is an implementation accessing files on the local machine. SubTreeFileSystem is an implementation that delegates to another implementation after prepending a fixed base path.

Factory

LocalFileSystem$create() returns the object and takes no arguments.

SubTreeFileSystem$create() takes the following arguments:

- base_path, a string path
- base_fs, a FileSystem object

S3FileSystem$create() optionally takes arguments:

- anonymous: logical, default FALSE. If true, will not attempt to look up credentials using standard AWS configuration methods.
- access_key, secret_key: authentication credentials. If one is provided, the other must be as well. If both are provided, they will override any AWS configuration set at the environment level.
- session_token: optional string for authentication along with access_key and secret_key
- role_arn: string AWS ARN of an AccessRole. If provided instead of access_key and secret_key, temporary credentials will be fetched by assuming this role.
- session_name: optional string identifier for the assumed role session.
- external_id: optional unique string identifier that might be required when you assume a role in another account.
- load_frequency: integer, frequency (in seconds) with which temporary credentials from an assumed role session will be refreshed. Default is 900 (i.e. 15 minutes)
- region: AWS region to connect to. If omitted, the AWS library will provide a sensible default based on client configuration, falling back to "us-east-1" if no other alternatives are found.
- endpoint_override: If non-empty, override region with a connect string such as "localhost:9000". This is useful for connecting to file systems that emulate S3.
- scheme: S3 connection transport (default "https")
- background_writes: logical, whether OutputStream writes will be issued in the background, without blocking (default TRUE)
Methods

- `$GetFileInfo(x)`: $x$ may be a `FileSelector` or a character vector of paths. Returns a list of `FileInfo`
- `$CreateDir(path, recursive = TRUE)`: Create a directory and subdirectories.
- `$DeleteDir(path)`: Delete a directory and its contents, recursively.
- `$DeleteDirContents(path)`: Delete a directory’s contents, recursively. Like `$DeleteDir()`, but doesn’t delete the directory itself. Passing an empty path (“”) will wipe the entire filesystem tree.
- `$DeleteFile(path)`: Delete a file.
- `$DeleteFiles(paths)` : Delete many files. The default implementation issues individual delete operations in sequence.
- `$Move(src, dest)` : Move / rename a file or directory. If the destination exists: if it is a non-empty directory, an error is returned otherwise, if it has the same type as the source, it is replaced otherwise, behavior is unspecified (implementation-dependent).
- `$CopyFile(src, dest)` : Copy a file. If the destination exists and is a directory, an error is returned. Otherwise, it is replaced.
- `$OpenInputStream(path)` : Open an input stream for sequential reading.
- `$OpenInputFile(path)` : Open an input file for random access reading.
- `$OpenOutputStream(path)` : Open an output stream for sequential writing.
- `$OpenAppendStream(path)` : Open an output stream for appending.

Active bindings

- `$type_name`: string filesystem type name, such as "local", "s3", etc.
- `$region`: string AWS region, for `S3FileSystem` and `SubTreeFileSystem` containing a `S3FileSystem`
- `$base_fs`: for `SubTreeFileSystem`, the `FileSystem` it contains
- `$base_path`: for `SubTreeFileSystem`, the path in `$base_fs` which is considered root in this `SubTreeFileSystem`.

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### FileWriteOptions

**Format-specific write options**

A `FileWriteOptions` holds write options specific to a `FileFormat`.

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### FixedWidthType

**class** `arrow::FixedWidthType`

**Description**

class `arrow::FixedWidthType`

**Methods**

TODO
flight_connect

Description
Connect to a Flight server

Usage
flight_connect(host = "localhost", port, scheme = "grpc+tcp")

Arguments
host string hostname to connect to
port integer port to connect on
scheme URL scheme, default is "grpc+tcp"

Value
A pyarrow.flight.FlightClient.

flight_get

Description
Get data from a Flight server

Usage
flight_get(client, path)

Arguments
client pyarrow.flight.FlightClient, as returned by flight_connect()
path string identifier under which data is stored

Value
A Table
## FragmentScanOptions

### Description

A `FragmentScanOptions` holds options specific to a `FileFormat` and a scan operation.

### Factory

`FragmentScanOptions$create()` takes the following arguments:

- **format**: A string identifier of the file format. Currently supported values:
  - "parquet"
  - "csv"/"text", aliases for the same format.
- **...**: Additional format-specific options
  - ‘format = "parquet"’:
    - `use_buffered_stream`: Read files through buffered input streams rather than loading entire row groups at once. This may be enabled to reduce memory overhead. Disabled by default.
    - `buffer_size`: Size of buffered stream, if enabled. Default is 8KB.
- **pre_buffer**: Pre-buffer the raw Parquet data. This can improve performance on high-latency filesystems. Disabled by default. `format = "text"`: see `CsvConvertOptions`. Note that options can only be specified with the Arrow C++ library naming. Also, "block_size" from `CsvReadOptions` may be given.

It returns the appropriate subclass of `FragmentScanOptions` (e.g. `CsvFragmentScanOptions`).

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**hive_partition**

*Construct Hive partitioning*

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**Description**

Hive partitioning embeds field names and values in path segments, such as "/year=2019/month=2/data.parquet".

**Usage**

```
hive_partition(..., null_fallback = NULL, segment_encoding = "uri")
```

**Arguments**

- `...` named list of data types, passed to `schema()`
- `null_fallback` character to be used in place of missing values (NA or NULL) in partition columns. Default is "__HIVE_DEFAULT_PARTITION__", which is what Hive uses.
- `segment_encoding` Decode partition segments after splitting paths. Default is "uri" (URI-decode segments). May also be "none" (leave as-is).

**Details**

Because fields are named in the path segments, order of fields passed to `hive_partition()` does not matter.

**Value**

A `HivePartitioning`, or a `HivePartitioningFactory` if calling `hive_partition()` with no arguments.

**Examples**

```
hive_partition(year = int16(), month = int8())
```
InputStream  InputStream classes

Description

RandomAccessFile inherits from InputStream and is a base class for:ReadableFile for reading from a file; MemoryMappedFile for the same but with memory mapping; and BufferedReader for reading from a buffer. Use these with the various table readers.

Factory

The $create() factory methods instantiate the InputStream object and take the following arguments, depending on the subclass:

- path For ReadableFile, a character file name
- x For BufferedReader, a Buffer or an object that can be made into a buffer via buffer().

To instantiate a MemoryMappedFile, call mmap_open().

Methods

- $GetSize():
- $supports_zero_copy(): Logical
- $seek(position): go to that position in the stream
- $tell(): return the position in the stream
- $close(): close the stream
- $Read(nbytes): read data from the stream, either a specified nbytes or all, if nbytes is not provided
- $ReadAt(position, nbytes): similar to $seek(position)$Read(nbytes)
- $Resize(size): for a MemoryMappedFile that is writeable

install_arrow  Install or upgrade the Arrow library

Description

Use this function to install the latest release of arrow, to switch to or from a nightly development version, or on Linux to try reinstalling with all necessary C++ dependencies.
install_arrow

Usage

install_arrow(
  nightly = FALSE,
  binary = Sys.getenv("LIBARROW_BINARY", TRUE),
  use_system = Sys.getenv("ARROW_USE_PKG_CONFIG", FALSE),
  minimal = Sys.getenv("LIBARROW_MINIMAL", FALSE),
  verbose = Sys.getenv("ARROW_R_DEV", FALSE),
  repos = getOption("repos"),
  ...
)

Arguments

nightly logical: Should we install a development version of the package, or should we install from CRAN (the default).

binary On Linux, value to set for the environment variable LIBARROW_BINARY, which governs how C++ binaries are used, if at all. The default value, TRUE, tells the installation script to detect the Linux distribution and version and find an appropriate C++ library. FALSE would tell the script not to retrieve a binary and instead build Arrow C++ from source. Other valid values are strings corresponding to a Linux distribution-version, to override the value that would be detected. See vignette("install",package = "arrow") for further details.

use_system logical: Should we use pkg-config to look for Arrow system packages? Default is FALSE. If TRUE, source installation may be faster, but there is a risk of version mismatch. This sets the ARROW_USE_PKG_CONFIG environment variable.

minimal logical: If building from source, should we build without optional dependencies (compression libraries, for example)? Default is FALSE. This sets the LIBARROW_MINIMAL environment variable.

verbose logical: Print more debugging output when installing? Default is FALSE. This sets the ARROW_R_DEV environment variable.

repos character vector of base URLs of the repositories to install from (passed to install.packages())

... Additional arguments passed to install.packages()

Details

Note that, unlike packages like tensorflow, blogdown, and others that require external dependencies, you do not need to run install_arrow() after a successful arrow installation.

See Also

arrow_available() to see if the package was configured with necessary C++ dependencies. vignette("install",package = "arrow") for more ways to tune installation on Linux.
install_pyarrow  

Install pyarrow for use with reticulate

Description

pyarrow is the Python package for Apache Arrow. This function helps with installing it for use with reticulate.

Usage

install_pyarrow(envname = NULL, nightly = FALSE, ...)

Arguments

envname  The name or full path of the Python environment to install into. This can be a virtualenv or conda environment created by reticulate. See reticulate::py_install().
nightly  logical: Should we install a development version of the package? Default is to use the official release version.
...  additional arguments passed to reticulate::py_install().

io_thread_count  

Manage the global I/O thread pool in libarrow

Description

Manage the global I/O thread pool in libarrow

Usage

io_thread_count()

set_io_thread_count(num_threads)

Arguments

num_threads  integer: New number of threads for thread pool
Description

This function lists the names of all available Arrow C++ library compute functions. These can be called by passing to `call_function()`, or they can be called by name with an `arrow_` prefix inside a `dplyr` verb.

Usage

```r
list_compute_functions(pattern = NULL, ...) 
```

Arguments

- `pattern`  Optional regular expression to filter the function list
- `...` Additional parameters passed to `grep()`

Details

The resulting list describes the capabilities of your `arrow` build. Some functions, such as string and regular expression functions, require optional build-time C++ dependencies. If your `arrow` package was not compiled with those features enabled, those functions will not appear in this list.

Some functions take options that need to be passed when calling them (in a list called `options`). These options require custom handling in C++; many functions already have that handling set up but not all do. If you encounter one that needs special handling for options, please report an issue.

Note that this list does not enumerate all of the R bindings for these functions. The package includes `Arrow` methods for many base R functions that can be called directly on Arrow objects, as well as some tidyverse-flavored versions available inside `dplyr` verbs.

Value

A character vector of available Arrow C++ function names

Examples

```r
available_funcs <- list_compute_functions()
utf8_funcs <- list_compute_functions(pattern = "^UTF8", ignore.case = TRUE)
```
list_flights  See available resources on a Flight server

Description
See available resources on a Flight server

Usage
list_flights(client)

flight_path_exists(client, path)

Arguments
client pyarrow.flight.FlightClient, as returned by flight_connect()
path string identifier under which data is stored

Value
list_flights() returns a character vector of paths. flight_path_exists() returns a logical value, the equivalent of path %in% list_flights()

load_flight_server  Load a Python Flight server

Description
Load a Python Flight server

Usage
load_flight_server(name, path = system.file(package = "arrow"))

Arguments
name string Python module name
path file system path where the Python module is found. Default is to look in the inst/directory for included modules.

Examples
load_flight_server("demo_flight_server")
map_batches

Apply a function to a stream of RecordBatches

Description

As an alternative to calling `collect()` on a Dataset query, you can use this function to access the stream of RecordBatches in the Dataset. This lets you aggregate on each chunk and pull the intermediate results into a `data.frame` for further aggregation, even if you couldn’t fit the whole Dataset result in memory.

Usage

```r
map_batches(X, FUN, ..., .data.frame = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- **X**: A Dataset or `arrow_dplyr_query` object, as returned by the `dplyr` methods on `Dataset`.
- **FUN**: A function or `purrr`-style lambda expression to apply to each batch.
- **...**: Additional arguments passed to `FUN`.
- **.data.frame**: logical: collect the resulting chunks into a single `data.frame`? Default `TRUE`.

Details

This is experimental and not recommended for production use.

match_arrow

match and `%in%` for Arrow objects

Description

`base::match()` is not a generic, so we can’t just define Arrow methods for it. This function exposes the analogous functions in the Arrow C++ library.

Usage

```r
match_arrow(x, table, ...)

is_in(x, table, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**: Scalar, Array or `ChunkedArray`
- **table**: Scalar, Array, `ChunkedArray`, or R vector lookup table.
- **...**: additional arguments, ignored.
Value

`match_arrow()` returns an int32-type Arrow object of the same length and type as `x` with the (0-based) indexes into table. `is_in()` returns a boolean-type Arrow object of the same length and type as `x` with values indicating per element of `x` it it is present in `table`.

Examples

```r
# note that the returned value is 0-indexed
cars_tbl <- arrow_table(name = rownames(mtcars), mtcars)
match_arrow(Scalar$create("Mazda RX4 Wag"), cars_tbl$name)

is_in(Array$create("Mazda RX4 Wag"), cars_tbl$name)

# Although there are multiple matches, you are returned the index of the first
# match, as with the base R equivalent
match(4, mtcars$cyl) # 1-indexed
match_arrow(Scalar$create(4), cars_tbl$cyl) # 0-indexed

# If `x` contains multiple values, you are returned the indices of the first
# match for each value.
match(c(4, 6, 8), mtcars$cyl)
match_arrow(Array$create(c(4, 6, 8)), cars_tbl$cyl)

# Return type matches type of `x`
is_in(c(4, 6, 8), mtcars$cyl) # returns vector
is_in(Scalar$create(4), mtcars$cyl) # returns Scalar
is_in(Array$create(c(4, 6, 8)), cars_tbl$cyl) # returns Array
is_in(ChunkedArray$create(c(4, 6, 8), cars_tbl$cyl) # returns ChunkedArray
```

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**Message class arrow::Message**

**Description**

class arrow::Message

**Methods**

TODO
Description
class arrow::MessageReader

Methods
TODO

mmap_create
Create a new read/write memory mapped file of a given size

Description
Create a new read/write memory mapped file of a given size

Usage
mmap_create(path, size)

Arguments
path file path
size size in bytes

Value
a arrow::io::MemoryMappedFile

mmap_open
Open a memory mapped file

Description
Open a memory mapped file

Usage
mmap_open(path, mode = c("read", "write", "readwrite"))

Arguments
path file path
mode file mode (read/write/readwrite)
open_dataset  

Open a multi-file dataset

Description

Arrow Datasets allow you to query against data that has been split across multiple files. This sharding of data may indicate partitioning, which can accelerate queries that only touch some partitions (files). Call open_dataset() to point to a directory of data files and return a Dataset, then use dplyr methods to query it.

Usage

open_dataset(
  sources,
  schema = NULL,
  partitioning = hive_partition(),
  hive_style = NA,
  unify_schemas = NULL,
  format = c("parquet", "arrow", "ipc", "feather", "csv", "tsv", "text"),
  ...
)

Arguments

sources  

One of:

• a string path or URI to a directory containing data files
• a FileSystem that references a directory containing data files (such as what is returned by s3_bucket())
• a string path or URI to a single file
• a character vector of paths or URIs to individual data files
• a list of Dataset objects as created by this function
• a list of DatasetFactory objects as created by dataset_factory().

When sources is a vector of file URIs, they must all use the same protocol and point to files located in the same file system and having the same format.

schema  

Schema for the Dataset. If NULL (the default), the schema will be inferred from the data sources.

partitioning  

When sources is a directory path/URI, one of:

• a Schema, in which case the file paths relative to sources will be parsed, and path segments will be matched with the schema fields.
• a character vector that defines the field names corresponding to those path segments (that is, you’re providing the names that would correspond to a Schema but the types will be autodetected)
• a Partitioning or PartitioningFactory, such as returned by hive_partition()
• NULL for no partitioning
The default is to autodetect Hive-style partitions unless `hive_style = FALSE`. See the "Partitioning" section for details. When `sources` is not a directory path/URI, partitioning is ignored.

- **hive_style**: Logical: should partitioning be interpreted as Hive-style? Default is NA, which means to inspect the file paths for Hive-style partitioning and behave accordingly.

- **unify_schemas**: logical: should all data fragments (files, Datasets) be scanned in order to create a unified schema from them? If FALSE, only the first fragment will be inspected for its schema. Use this fast path when you know and trust that all fragments have an identical schema. The default is FALSE when creating a dataset from a directory path/URI or vector of file paths/URIs (because there may be many files and scanning may be slow) but TRUE when `sources` is a list of Datasets (because there should be few Datasets in the list and their Schemas are already in memory).

- **format**: A `FileFormat` object, or a string identifier of the format of the files in `x`. This argument is ignored when `sources` is a list of Dataset objects. Currently supported values:
  - "parquet"
  - "ipc"/"arrow"/"feather", all aliases for each other; for Feather, note that only version 2 files are supported
  - "csv"/"text", aliases for the same thing (because comma is the default delimiter for text files
  - "tsv", equivalent to passing `format = "text", delimiter = \"t\"

  Default is "parquet", unless a delimiter is also specified, in which case it is assumed to be "text".

Additional arguments passed to `dataset_factory()` when `sources` is a directory path/URI or vector of file paths/URIs, otherwise ignored. These may include `format` to indicate the file format, or other format-specific options (see `read_csv_arrow()`, `read_parquet()` and `read_feather()` on how to specify these).

**Value**

A `Dataset` R6 object. Use `dplyr` methods on it to query the data, or call `$NewScan()` to construct a query directly.

**Partitioning**

Data is often split into multiple files and nested in subdirectories based on the value of one or more columns in the data. It may be a column that is commonly referenced in queries, or it may be time-based, for some examples. Data that is divided this way is "partitioned," and the values for those partitioning columns are encoded into the file path segments. These path segments are effectively virtual columns in the dataset, and because their values are known prior to reading the files themselves, we can greatly speed up filtered queries by skipping some files entirely.

Arrow supports reading partition information from file paths in two forms:
• “Hive-style”, deriving from the Apache Hive project and common to some database systems. Partitions are encoded as “key=value” in path segments, such as “year=2019/month=1/file.parquet”. While they may be awkward as file names, they have the advantage of being self-describing.

• “Directory” partitioning, which is Hive without the key names, like “2019/01/file.parquet”.

In order to use these, we need know at least what names to give the virtual columns that come from the path segments.

The default behavior in `open_dataset()` is to inspect the file paths contained in the provided directory, and if they look like Hive-style, parse them as Hive. If your dataset has Hive-style partitioning in the file paths, you do not need to provide anything in the `partitioning` argument to `open_dataset()` to use them. If you do provide a character vector of partition column names, they will be ignored if they match what is detected, and if they don’t match, you’ll get an error. (If you want to rename partition columns, do that using `select()` or `rename()` after opening the dataset.). If you provide a `Schema` and the names match what is detected, it will use the types defined by the `Schema`. In the example file path above, you could provide a `Schema` to specify that “month” should be `int8()` instead of the `int32()` it will be parsed as by default.

If your file paths do not appear to be Hive-style, or if you pass `hive_style = FALSE`, the `partitioning` argument will be used to create Directory partitioning. A character vector of names is required to create partitions; you may instead provide a `Schema` to map those names to desired column types, as described above. If neither are provided, no partitioning information will be taken from the file paths.

See Also

vignette(“dataset”, package = “arrow”)

Examples

```r
# Set up directory for examples
tf <- tempfile()
dir.create(tf)
on.exit(unlink(tf))

data <- dplyr::group_by(mtcars, cyl)
write_dataset(data, tf)

# You can specify a directory containing the files for your dataset and
# open_dataset will scan all files in your directory.
open_dataset(tf)

# You can also supply a vector of paths
open_dataset(c(file.path(tf, "cyl=4/part-0.parquet"), file.path(tf, "cyl=8/part-0.parquet")))

## You must specify the file format if using a format other than parquet.
tf2 <- tempfile()
dir.create(tf2)
on.exit(unlink(tf2))
write_dataset(data, tf2, format = "ipc")

# This line will results in errors when you try to work with the data
## Not run:
```
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open_dataset(tf2)

## End(Not run)
# This line will work
open_dataset(tf2, format = "ipc")

## You can specify file partitioning to include it as a field in your dataset
# Create a temporary directory and write example dataset
tf3 <- tempfile()
dir.create(tf3)
on.exit(unlink(tf3))
write_dataset(airquality, tf3, partitioning = c("Month", "Day"), hive_style = FALSE)

# View files - you can see the partitioning means that files have been written
# to folders based on Month/Day values
tf3_files <- list.files(tf3, recursive = TRUE)

# With no partitioning specified, dataset contains all files but doesn't include
# directory names as field names
open_dataset(tf3)

# Now that partitioning has been specified, your dataset contains columns for Month and Day
open_dataset(tf3, partitioning = c("Month", "Day"))

# If you want to specify the data types for your fields, you can pass in a Schema
open_dataset(tf3, partitioning = schema(Month = int8(), Day = int8()))

OutputStream

OutputStream classes

Description

FileOutputStream is for writing to a file; BufferOutputStream writes to a buffer; You can create one and pass it to any of the table writers, for example.

Factory

The $create() factory methods instantiate the OutputStream object and take the following arguments, depending on the subclass:

- path For FileOutputStream, a character file name
- initial_capacity For BufferOutputStream, the size in bytes of the buffer.

Methods

- $tell(): return the position in the stream
- $close(): close the stream
- $write(x): send x to the stream
ParquetFileReader

ParquetFileReader class

Description

This class enables you to interact with Parquet files.

Factory

The ParquetFileReader$create() factory method instantiates the object and takes the following arguments:

- file A character file name, raw vector, or Arrow file connection object (e.g. RandomAccessFile).
- props Optional ParquetArrowReaderProperties
- mmap Logical: whether to memory-map the file (default TRUE)
- ... Additional arguments, currently ignored

ParquetArrowReaderProperties

ParquetArrowReaderProperties class

Description

This class holds settings to control how a Parquet file is read by ParquetFileReader.

Factory

The ParquetArrowReaderProperties$create() factory method instantiates the object and takes the following arguments:

- use_threads Logical: whether to use multithreading (default TRUE)

Methods

- $read_dictionary(column_index)
- $set_read_dictionary(column_index, read_dict)
- $use_threads(use_threads)

• $capacity(): for BufferOutputStream
• $finish(): for BufferOutputStream
• $GetExtentBytesWritten(): for MockOutputStream, report how many bytes were sent.
Methods

- $ReadTable(column_indices): get an arrow::Table from the file. The optional column_indices= argument is a 0-based integer vector indicating which columns to retain.
- $ReadRowGroup(i, column_indices): get an arrow::Table by reading the ith row group (0-based). The optional column_indices= argument is a 0-based integer vector indicating which columns to retain.
- $ReadRowGroups(row_groups, column_indices): get an arrow::Table by reading several row groups (0-based integers). The optional column_indices= argument is a 0-based integer vector indicating which columns to retain.
- $GetSchema(): get the arrow::Schema of the data in the file
- $ReadColumn(i): read the ith column (0-based) as a ChunkedArray.

Active bindings

- $num_rows: number of rows.
- $num_columns: number of columns.
- $num_row_groups: number of row groups.

Examples

```r
f <- system.file("v0.7.1.parquet", package = "arrow")
pq <- ParquetFileReader$create(f)
pq$GetSchema()
if (codec_is_available("snappy")) {
  # This file has compressed data columns
  tab <- pq$ReadTable()
  tab$schema
}
```

---

**ParquetFileWriter**  
**ParquetFileWriter class**

**Description**

This class enables you to interact with Parquet files.

**Factory**

The ParquetFileWriter$create() factory method instantiates the object and takes the following arguments:

- schema A Schema
- sink An arrow::io::OutputStream
- properties An instance of ParquetWriterProperties
- arrow_properties An instance of ParquetArrowWriterProperties
ParquetWriterProperties

Methods

- **WriteTable** Write a Table to sink
- **Close** Close the writer. Note: does not close the sink. `arrow::io::OutputStream` has its own close() method.

ParquetWriterProperties

*ParquetWriterProperties class*

Description

This class holds settings to control how a Parquet file is read by ParquetFileWriter.

Details

The parameters `compression`, `compression_level`, `use_dictionary` and `write_statistics` support various patterns:

- The default NULL leaves the parameter unspecified, and the C++ library uses an appropriate default for each column (defaults listed above)
- A single, unnamed, value (e.g. a single string for compression) applies to all columns
- An unnamed vector, of the same size as the number of columns, to specify a value for each column, in positional order
- A named vector, to specify the value for the named columns, the default value for the setting is used when not supplied

Unlike the high-level `write_parquet`, ParquetWriterProperties arguments use the C++ defaults. Currently this means "uncompressed" rather than "snappy" for the compression argument.

Factory

The `ParquetWriterProperties$create()` factory method instantiates the object and takes the following arguments:

- **table**: table to write (required)
- **version**: Parquet version, "1.0" or "2.0". Default "1.0"
- **compression**: Compression type, algorithm "uncompressed"
- **compression_level**: Compression level; meaning depends on compression algorithm
- **use_dictionary**: Specify if we should use dictionary encoding. Default TRUE
- **write_statistics**: Specify if we should write statistics. Default TRUE
- **data_page_size**: Set a target threshold for the approximate encoded size of data pages within a column chunk (in bytes). Default 1 MiB.

See Also

- `write_parquet`
- Schema for information about schemas and metadata handling.
Partitioning

**Define Partitioning for a Dataset**

**Description**

Pass a Partitioning object to a FileSystemDatasetFactory's $create() method to indicate how the file's paths should be interpreted to define partitioning.

DirectoryPartitioning describes how to interpret raw path segments, in order. For example, `schema(year = int16(), month = int8())` would define partitions for file paths like "2019/01/file.parquet", "2019/02/file.parquet", etc. In this scheme NULL values will be skipped. In the previous example: when writing a dataset if the month was NA (or NULL), the files would be placed in "2019/file.parquet". When reading, the rows in "2019/file.parquet" would return an NA for the month column. An error will be raised if an outer directory is NULL and an inner directory is not.

HivePartitioning is for Hive-style partitioning, which embeds field names and values in path segments, such as "/year=2019/month=2/data.parquet". Because fields are named in the path segments, order does not matter. This partitioning scheme allows NULL values. They will be replaced by a configurable null_fallback which defaults to the string "__HIVE_DEFAULT_PARTITION__" when writing. When reading, the null_fallback string will be replaced with NAs as appropriate.

PartitioningFactory subclasses instruct the DatasetFactory to detect partition features from the file paths.

**Factory**

Both DirectoryPartitioning$create() and HivePartitioning$create() methods take a Schema as a single input argument. The helper function hive_partition(...) is shorthand for HivePartitioning$create(schema(...)). With DirectoryPartitioningFactory$create(), you can provide just the names of the path segments (in our example, c("year", "month")), and the DatasetFactory will infer the data types for those partition variables. HivePartitioningFactory$create() takes no arguments: both variable names and their types can be inferred from the file paths. hive_partition() with no arguments returns a HivePartitioningFactory.

**read_arrow**

**Read Arrow IPC stream format**

**Description**

Apache Arrow defines two formats for serializing data for interprocess communication (IPC): a "stream" format and a "file" format, known as Feather. read_ipc_stream() and read_feather() read those formats, respectively.

**Usage**

read_arrow(file, ...)

read_ipc_stream(file, as_data_frame = TRUE, ...)
Arguments

file  A character file name or URI, raw vector, an Arrow input stream, or a FileSystem with path (SubTreeFileSystem). If a file name or URI, an Arrow InputStream will be opened and closed when finished. If an input stream is provided, it will be left open.

... extra parameters passed to read_feather().

as_data_frame Should the function return a data.frame (default) or an Arrow Table?

Details

read_arrow(), a wrapper around read_ipc_stream() and read_feather(), is deprecated. You should explicitly choose the function that will read the desired IPC format (stream or file) since a file or InputStream may contain either.

Value

A data.frame if as_data_frame is TRUE (the default), or an Arrow Table otherwise

See Also

read_feather() for writing IPC files. RecordBatchReader for a lower-level interface.

Description

These functions uses the Arrow C++ CSV reader to read into a data.frame. Arrow C++ options have been mapped to argument names that follow those of readr::read_delim(), and col_select was inspired by vroom::vroom().

Usage

read_delim_arrow(
  file,
  delim = ",",
  quote = "\",
  escape_double = TRUE,
  escape_backslash = FALSE,
  schema = NULL,
  col_names = TRUE,
  col_types = NULL,
  col_select = NULL,
  na = c("", "NA"),
  quoted_na = TRUE,
  skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
read_delim_arrow

    skip = 0L,
    parse_options = NULL,
    convert_options = NULL,
    read_options = NULL,
    as_data_frame = TRUE,
    timestamp_parsers = NULL
  )

read_csv_arrow(
    file,
    quote = "\"",
    escape_double = TRUE,
    escape_backslash = FALSE,
    schema = NULL,
    col_names = TRUE,
    col_types = NULL,
    col_select = NULL,
    na = c("", "NA"),
    quoted_na = TRUE,
    skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
    skip = 0L,
    parse_options = NULL,
    convert_options = NULL,
    read_options = NULL,
    as_data_frame = TRUE,
    timestamp_parsers = NULL
  )

read_tsv_arrow(
    file,
    quote = "\"",
    escape_double = TRUE,
    escape_backslash = FALSE,
    schema = NULL,
    col_names = TRUE,
    col_types = NULL,
    col_select = NULL,
    na = c("", "NA"),
    quoted_na = TRUE,
    skip_empty_rows = TRUE,
    skip = 0L,
    parse_options = NULL,
    convert_options = NULL,
    read_options = NULL,
    as_data_frame = TRUE,
    timestamp_parsers = NULL
  )
Arguments

file
A character file name or URI, raw vector, an Arrow input stream, or a FileSystem
with path (SubTreeFileSystem). If a file name, a memory-mapped Arrow InputStream
will be opened and closed when finished; compression will be
detected from the file extension and handled automatically. If an input stream is
provided, it will be left open.

delim
Single character used to separate fields within a record.

quote
Single character used to quote strings.

escape_double
Does the file escape quotes by doubling them? i.e. If this option is TRUE, the
value """" represents a single quote, ".

escape_backslash
Does the file use backslashes to escape special characters? This is more gen-
eral than escape_double as backslashes can be used to escape the delimiter
character, the quote character, or to add special characters like \n.

schema
Schema that describes the table. If provided, it will be used to satisfy both
col_names and col_types.

col_names
If TRUE, the first row of the input will be used as the column names and will
not be included in the data frame. If FALSE, column names will be generated
by Arrow, starting with "f0", "f1", ..., "fN". Alternatively, you can specify a
character vector of column names.

col_types
A compact string representation of the column types, or NULL (the default) to
infer types from the data.

col_select
A character vector of column names to keep, as in the "select" argument to
data.table::fread(), or a tidy selection specification of columns, as used in
dplyr::select().

na
A character vector of strings to interpret as missing values.

quoted_na
Should missing values inside quotes be treated as missing values (the default)
or strings. (Note that this is different from the the Arrow C++ default for the
corresponding convert option, strings_can_be_null.)

skip_empty_rows
Should blank rows be ignored altogether? If TRUE, blank rows will not be repre-
sented at all. If FALSE, they will be filled with missings.

skip
Number of lines to skip before reading data.

parse_options
see file reader options. If given, this overrides any parsing options provided in
other arguments (e.g. delim, quote, etc.).

convert_options
see file reader options

read_options
see file reader options

as_data_frame
Should the function return a data.frame (default) or an Arrow Table?

timestamp_parsers
User-defined timestamp parsers. If more than one parser is specified, the CSV
conversion logic will try parsing values starting from the beginning of this vec-
tor. Possible values are:
• NULL: the default, which uses the ISO-8601 parser
• a character vector of \texttt{strptime} parse strings
• a list of \texttt{TimestampParser} objects

\textbf{Details}

\texttt{read_csv\_arrow()} and \texttt{read\_tsv\_arrow()} are wrappers around \texttt{read\_delim\_arrow()} that specify a delimiter.

Note that not all \texttt{readr} options are currently implemented here. Please file an issue if you encounter one that \texttt{arrow} should support.

If you need to control Arrow-specific reader parameters that don’t have an equivalent in \texttt{readr::read\_csv()}, you can either provide them in the \texttt{parse\_options}, \texttt{convert\_options}, or \texttt{read\_options} arguments, or you can use \texttt{CsvTableReader} directly for lower-level access.

\textbf{Value}

A \texttt{data.frame}, or a Table if \texttt{as\_data\_frame = FALSE}.

\textbf{Specifying column types and names}

By default, the CSV reader will infer the column names and data types from the file, but there are a few ways you can specify them directly.

One way is to provide an Arrow \texttt{Schema} in the \texttt{schema} argument, which is an ordered map of column name to type. When provided, it satisfies both the \texttt{col\_names} and \texttt{col\_types} arguments. This is good if you know all of this information up front.

You can also pass a Schema to the \texttt{col\_types} argument. If you do this, column names will still be inferred from the file unless you also specify \texttt{col\_names}. In either case, the column names in the Schema must match the data’s column names, whether they are explicitly provided or inferred.

That said, this Schema does not have to reference all columns: those omitted will have their types inferred.

Alternatively, you can declare column types by providing the compact string representation that \texttt{readr} uses to the \texttt{col\_types} argument. This means you provide a single string, one character per column, where the characters map to Arrow types analogously to the \texttt{readr} type mapping:

• "c": utf8()
• "i": int32()
• "n": float64()
• "d": float64()
• "t": bool()
• "f": dictionary()
• "D": date32()
• "T": timestamp()
• "t": time32()
• ":": null()


- "?": infer the type from the data

If you use the compact string representation for `col_types`, you must also specify `col_names`. Regardless of how types are specified, all columns with a `null()` type will be dropped.

Note that if you are specifying column names, whether by schema or `col_names`, and the CSV file has a header row that would otherwise be used to identify column names, you’ll need to add `skip = 1` to skip that row.

**Examples**

```r
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write.csv(mtcars, file = tf)
df <- read_csv_arrow(tf)
dim(df)
# Can select columns
df <- read_csv_arrow(tf, col_select = starts_with("d"))
```

---

**Description**

Feather provides binary columnar serialization for data frames. It is designed to make reading and writing data frames efficient, and to make sharing data across data analysis languages easy. This function reads both the original, limited specification of the format and the version 2 specification, which is the Apache Arrow IPC file format.

**Usage**

```r
read_feather(file, col_select = NULL, as_data_frame = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `file`: A character file name or URI, raw vector, an Arrow input stream, or a `FileSystem` with path (SubTreeFileSystem). If a file name or URI, an Arrow `InputStream` will be opened and closed when finished. If an input stream is provided, it will be left open.
- `col_select`: A character vector of column names to keep, as in the "select" argument to `data.table::fread()`, or a tidy selection specification of columns, as used in `dplyr::select()`.
- `as_data_frame`: Should the function return a `data.frame` (default) or an Arrow `Table`?
- `...`: additional parameters, passed to `make_readable_file()`.
Value

A data.frame if as_data_frame is TRUE (the default), or an Arrow Table otherwise.

See Also

FeatherReader and RecordBatchReader for lower-level access to reading Arrow IPC data.

Examples

```r
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write_feather(mtcars, tf)
df <- read_feather(tf)
dim(df)
# Can select columns
df <- read_feather(tf, col_select = starts_with("d"))
```

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**Description**

Using JsonTableReader

**Usage**

```r
read_json_arrow(
  file,
  col_select = NULL,
  as_data_frame = TRUE,
  schema = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- `file` A character file name or URI, raw vector, an Arrow input stream, or a FileSystem with path (SubTreeFileSystem). If a file name, a memory-mapped Arrow InputStream will be opened and closed when finished; compression will be detected from the file extension and handled automatically. If an input stream is provided, it will be left open.
- `col_select` A character vector of column names to keep, as in the "select" argument to data.table::fread(), or a tidy selection specification of columns, as used in dplyr::select().
- `as_data_frame` Should the function return a data.frame (default) or an Arrow Table?
- `schema` Schema that describes the table.
- `...` Additional options passed to JsonTableReader$create()
Value

A data.frame, or a Table if as_data_frame = FALSE.

Examples

```r
    tf <- tempfile()
    on.exit(unlink(tf))
    writelines('''
      { "hello": 3.5, "world": false, "yo": "thing" }
      { "hello": 3.25, "world": null }
      { "hello": 0.0, "world": true, "yo": null }
    ', tf, useBytes = TRUE)
    df <- read_json_arrow(tf)
```

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**read_message**

*Read a Message from a stream*

**Description**

Read a Message from a stream

**Usage**

```r
    read_message(stream)
```

**Arguments**

- `stream` an InputStream

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**read_parquet**

*Read a Parquet file*

**Description**

'Parquet' is a columnar storage file format. This function enables you to read Parquet files into R.

**Usage**

```r
    read_parquet(
        file,  
        col_select = NULL,  
        as_data_frame = TRUE,  
        props = ParquetArrowReaderProperties$create(),  
        ...  
    )
```
**read_schema**

**Arguments**

- **file**: A character file name or URI, raw vector, an Arrow input stream, or a FileSystem with path (SubTreeFileSystem). If a file name or URI, an Arrow InputStream will be opened and closed when finished. If an input stream is provided, it will be left open.

- **col_select**: A character vector of column names to keep, as in the "select" argument to data.table::fread(), or a tidy selection specification of columns, as used in dplyr::select().

- **as_data_frame**: Should the function return a data.frame (default) or an Arrow Table?

- **props**: ParquetArrowReaderProperties

- **...**: Additional arguments passed to ParquetFileReader$create()

**Value**

A arrow::Table, or a data.frame if as_data_frame is TRUE (the default).

**Examples**

```r
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write_parquet(mtcars, tf)
df <- read_parquet(tf, col_select = starts_with("d"))
head(df)
```

---

**Description**

read a Schema from a stream

**Usage**

```r
read_schema(stream, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- **stream**: a Message, InputStream, or Buffer

- **...**: currently ignored

**Value**

A Schema
RecordBatch

RecordBatch class

Description

A record batch is a collection of equal-length arrays matching a particular Schema. It is a table-like data structure that is semantically a sequence of fields, each a contiguous Arrow Array.

Usage

record_batch(..., schema = NULL)

Arguments

... A data.frame or a named set of Arrays or vectors. If given a mixture of data.frames and vectors, the inputs will be autospliced together (see examples). Alternatively, you can provide a single Arrow IPC InputStream, Message, Buffer, or R raw object containing a Buffer.
schema a Schema, or NULL (the default) to infer the schema from the data in .... When providing an Arrow IPC buffer, schema is required.

S3 Methods and Usage

Record batches are data-frame-like, and many methods you expect to work on a data.frame are implemented for RecordBatch. This includes [, [, $, names, dim, nrow, ncol, head, and tail. You can also pull the data from an Arrow record batch into R with as.data.frame(). See the examples.

A caveat about the $ method: because RecordBatch is an R6 object, $ is also used to access the object’s methods (see below). Methods take precedence over the table’s columns. So, batch$Slice would return the "Slice" method function even if there were a column in the table called "Slice".

R6 Methods

In addition to the more R-friendly S3 methods, a RecordBatch object has the following R6 methods that map onto the underlying C++ methods:

- $Equals(other): Returns TRUE if the other record batch is equal
- $column(i): Extract an Array by integer position from the batch
- $column_name(i): Get a column’s name by integer position
- $names(): Get all column names (called by names(batch))
- $nbytes(): Total number of bytes consumed by the elements of the record batch
- $RenameColumns(value): Set all column names (called by names(batch) <-value)
- $GetColumnByName(name): Extract an Array by string name
- $RemoveColumn(i): Drops a column from the batch by integer position
- $SelectColumns(indices): Return a new record batch with a selection of columns, expressed as 0-based integers.
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- $Slice(offset, length = NULL): Create a zero-copy view starting at the indicated integer offset and going for the given length, or to the end of the table if NULL, the default.
- $Take(i): return a RecordBatch with rows at positions given by integers (R vector or Arrow Array) i.
- $Filter(i, keep_na = TRUE): return a RecordBatch with rows at positions where logical vector (or Arrow boolean Array) i is TRUE.
- $SortIndices(names, descending = FALSE): return an Array of integer row positions that can be used to rearrange the RecordBatch in ascending or descending order by the first named column, breaking ties with further named columns. descending can be a logical vector of length one or of the same length as names.
- $Serialize(): Returns a raw vector suitable for interprocess communication
- $Cast(target_schema, safe = TRUE, options = cast_options(safe)): Alter the schema of the record batch.

There are also some active bindings

- $num_columns
- $num_rows
- $schema
- $metadata: Returns the key-value metadata of the Schema as a named list. Modify or replace by assigning in (batch$metadata <- new_metadata). All list elements are coerced to string. See schema() for more information.
- $columns: Returns a list of Arrays

Examples

```r
batch <- record_batch(name = rownames(mtcars), mtcars)
dim(batch)
dim(head(batch))
names(batch)
batch$mpg
batch["cyl"]
as.data.frame(batch[4:8, c("gear", "hp", "wt")])
```

RecordBatchReader classes

Description

Apache Arrow defines two formats for serializing data for interprocess communication (IPC): a "stream" format and a "file" format, known as Feather. RecordBatchStreamReader and RecordBatchFileReader are interfaces for accessing record batches from input sources in those formats, respectively.

For guidance on how to use these classes, see the examples section.
Factory

The `RecordBatchFileReader$create()` and `RecordBatchStreamReader$create()` factory methods instantiate the object and take a single argument, named according to the class:

- `file` A character file name, raw vector, or Arrow file connection object (e.g. `RandomAccessFile`).
- `stream` A raw vector, `Buffer`, or `InputStream`.

Methods

- `$read_next_batch()`: Returns a `RecordBatch`, iterating through the Reader. If there are no further batches in the Reader, it returns NULL.
- `$schema`: Returns a `Schema` (active binding)
- `$batches()`: Returns a list of `RecordBatches`
- `$read_table()`: Collects the reader’s `RecordBatches` into a `Table`
- `$get_batch(i)`: For `RecordBatchFileReader`, return a particular batch by an integer index.
- `$num_record_batches()`: For `RecordBatchFileReader`, see how many batches are in the file.

See Also

`read_ipc_stream()` and `read_feather()` provide a much simpler interface for reading data from these formats and are sufficient for many use cases.

Examples

```r
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))

batch <- record_batch(chickwts)

# This opens a connection to the file in Arrow
file_obj <- FileOutputStream$create(tf)
# Pass that to a RecordBatchWriter to write data conforming to a schema
writer <- RecordBatchFileWriter$create(file_obj, batch$schema)
writer$write(batch)
# You may write additional batches to the stream, provided that they have
# the same schema.
# Call "close" on the writer to indicate end-of-file/stream
writer$close()
# Then, close the connection--closing the IPC message does not close the file
file_obj$close()

# Now, we have a file we can read from. Same pattern: open file connection,
# then pass it to a RecordBatchReader
read_file_obj <- ReadableFile$create(tf)
reader <- RecordBatchFileReader$create(read_file_obj)
# RecordBatchFileReader knows how many batches it has (StreamReader does not)
reader$num_record_batches
# We could consume the Reader by calling $read_next_batch() until all are,
```
# consumed, or we can call `$read_table()` to pull them all into a Table

```r
tab <- reader$read_table()
```

# Call as.data.frame to turn that Table into an R data.frame

```r
df <- as.data.frame(tab)
```

# This should be the same data we sent

```r
all.equal(df, chickwts, check.attributes = FALSE)
```

# Unlike the Writers, we don’t have to close RecordBatchReaders,
# but we do still need to close the file connection

```r
read_file_obj$close()
```

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**RecordBatchWriter**  
**RecordBatchWriter classes**

**Description**

Apache Arrow defines two formats for serializing data for interprocess communication (IPC): a "stream" format and a "file" format, known as Feather. `RecordBatchStreamWriter` and `RecordBatchFileWriter` are interfaces for writing record batches to those formats, respectively.

For guidance on how to use these classes, see the examples section.

**Factory**

The `RecordBatchFileWriter$create()` and `RecordBatchStreamWriter$create()` factory methods instantiate the object and take the following arguments:

- `sink`: An OutputStream
- `schema`: A Schema for the data to be written
- `use_legacy_format`: logical: write data formatted so that Arrow libraries versions 0.14 and lower can read it. Default is `FALSE`. You can also enable this by setting the environment variable `ARROW_PRE_0_15_IPC_FORMAT=1`.
- `metadata_version`: A string like "V5" or the equivalent integer indicating the Arrow IPC MetadataVersion. Default (NULL) will use the latest version, unless the environment variable `ARROW_PRE_1_0_METADATA_VERSION=1`, in which case it will be V4.

**Methods**

- `$write(x)`: Write a `RecordBatch`, `Table`, or `data.frame`, dispatching to the methods below appropriately
- `$write_batch(batch)`: Write a `RecordBatch` to stream
- `$write_table(table)`: Write a `Table` to stream
- `$close()`: close stream. Note that this indicates end-of-file or end-of-stream–it does not close the connection to the sink. That needs to be closed separately.

**See Also**

`write_ipc_stream()` and `write_feather()` provide a much simpler interface for writing data to these formats and are sufficient for many use cases. `write_to_raw()` is a version that serializes data to a buffer.
Examples

tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))

batch <- record_batch(chickwts)

# This opens a connection to the file in Arrow
file_obj <- FileOutputStream$create(tf)
# Pass that to a RecordBatchWriter to write data conforming to a schema
writer <- RecordBatchFileWriter$create(file_obj, batch$schema)
writer$write(batch)
# You may write additional batches to the stream, provided that they have
# the same schema.
# Call "close" on the writer to indicate end-of-file/stream
writer$close()
# Then, close the connection--closing the IPC message does not close the file
file_obj$close()

# Now, we have a file we can read from. Same pattern: open file connection,
# then pass it to a RecordBatchReader
read_file_obj <- ReadableFile$create(tf)
reader <- RecordBatchFileReader$create(read_file_obj)
# RecordBatchFileReader knows how many batches it has (StreamReader does not)
reader$num_record_batches
# We could consume the Reader by calling $read_next_batch() until all are,
# consumed, or we can call $read_table() to pull them all into a Table
tab <- reader$read_table()
# Call as.data.frame to turn that Table into an R data.frame
df <- as.data.frame(tab)
# This should be the same data we sent
all.equal(df, chickwts, check.attributes = FALSE)
# Unlike the Writers, we don't have to close RecordBatchReaders,
# but we do still need to close the file connection
read_file_obj$close()

s3_bucket

Connect to an AWS S3 bucket

Description
s3_bucket() is a convenience function to create an S3FileSystem object that automatically detects
the bucket’s AWS region and holding onto the its relative path.

Usage
s3_bucket(bucket, ...)
**Arguments**

- **bucket**: string S3 bucket name or path
- ... Additional connection options, passed to S3FileSystem$create()

**Value**

A SubTreeFileSystem containing an S3FileSystem and the bucket’s relative path. Note that this function’s success does not guarantee that you are authorized to access the bucket’s contents.

**Examples**

```r
bucket <- s3_bucket("ursa-labs-taxi-data")
```

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### Scalar

**Arrow scalars**

**Description**

A Scalar holds a single value of an Arrow type.

**Methods**

- `$toString()`: convert to a string
- `$as_vector()`: convert to an R vector
- `$as_array()`: convert to an Arrow Array
- `$equals(other)`: is this Scalar equal to other
- `$approxEquals(other)`: is this Scalar approximately equal to other
- `$is_valid`: is this Scalar valid
- `$null_count`: number of invalid values
- `$type`: Scalar type

**Examples**

```r
Scalar$create(pi)
Scalar$create(404)
# If you pass a vector into Scalar$create, you get a list containing your items
Scalar$create(c(1, 2, 3))

# Comparisons
my_scalar <- Scalar$create(99)
my_scalar$approxEquals(Scalar$create(99.00001)) # FALSE
my_scalar$approxEquals(Scalar$create(99.000009)) # TRUE
my_scalar$equals(Scalar$create(99.000009)) # FALSE
my_scalar$equals(Scalar$create(99L)) # FALSE (types don't match)

my_scalar$toString()
```
Scanner

Scan the contents of a dataset

Description

A Scanner iterates over a Dataset’s fragments and returns data according to given row filtering and column projection. A ScannerBuilder can help create one.

Factory

Scanner$create() wraps the ScannerBuilder interface to make a Scanner. It takes the following arguments:

- dataset: A Dataset or arrow_dplyr_query object, as returned by the dplyr methods on Dataset.
- projection: A character vector of column names to select columns or a named list of expressions
- filter: A Expression to filter the scanned rows by, or TRUE (default) to keep all rows.
- use_threads: logical: should scanning use multithreading? Default TRUE
- use_async: logical: deprecated, this field no longer has any effect on behavior.
- ...: Additional arguments, currently ignored

Methods

ScannerBuilder has the following methods:

- $Project(cols): Indicate that the scan should only return columns given by cols, a character vector of column names
- $Filter(expr): Filter rows by an Expression.
- $UseThreads(threads): logical: should the scan use multithreading? The method’s default input is TRUE, but you must call the method to enable multithreading because the scanner default is FALSE.
- $UseAsync(use_async): logical: deprecated, has no effect
- $BatchSize(batch_size): integer: Maximum row count of scanned record batches, default is 32K. If scanned record batches are overflowing memory then this method can be called to reduce their size.
- $schema: Active binding, returns the Schema of the Dataset
- $Finish(): Returns a Scanner

Scanner currently has a single method, $ToTable(), which evaluates the query and returns an Arrow Table.
**Description**

A Schema is an Arrow object containing Fields, which map names to Arrow data types. Create a Schema when you want to convert an R data.frame to Arrow but don’t want to rely on the default mapping of R types to Arrow types, such as when you want to choose a specific numeric precision, or when creating a Dataset and you want to ensure a specific schema rather than inferring it from the various files.

Many Arrow objects, including Table and Dataset, have a $schema method (active binding) that lets you access their schema.

**Usage**

`schema(...)`

**Arguments**

... fields or field name/data type pairs

**Methods**

- `$toString()`: convert to a string
- `$field(i)`: returns the field at index i (0-based)
- `$getFieldByName(x)`: returns the field with name x
- `$withMetadata(metadata)`: returns a new Schema with the key-value metadata set. Note that all list elements in metadata will be coerced to character.

**Active bindings**

- `$names`: returns the field names (called in `names(Schema)`)
- `$numFields`: returns the number of fields (called in `length(Schema)`)
- `$fields`: returns the list of Fields in the Schema, suitable for iterating over
- `$hasMetadata`: logical: does this Schema have extra metadata?
- `$metadata`: returns the key-value metadata as a named list. Modify or replace by assigning in (`sch$metadata <- new_metadata`). All list elements are coerced to string.

**R Metadata**

When converting a data.frame to an Arrow Table or RecordBatch, attributes from the data.frame are saved alongside tables so that the object can be reconstructed faithfully in R (e.g. with `as.data.frame()`). This metadata can be both at the top-level of the data.frame (e.g. `attributes(df)`) or at the column (e.g. `attributes(df$col_a)`) or for list columns only: element level (e.g. `attributes(df[[1,"col_a"]])`). For example, this allows for storing haven columns in a table and being able to faithfully re-create them when pulled back into R. This metadata is separate from the schema (column names and types).
which is compatible with other Arrow clients. The R metadata is only read by R and is ignored by other clients (e.g. Pandas has its own custom metadata). This metadata is stored in $metadata$r.

Since Schema metadata keys and values must be strings, this metadata is saved by serializing R’s attribute list structure to a string. If the serialized metadata exceeds 100Kb in size, by default it is compressed starting in version 3.0.0. To disable this compression (e.g. for tables that are compatible with Arrow versions before 3.0.0 and include large amounts of metadata), set the option arrow.compress_metadata to FALSE. Files with compressed metadata are readable by older versions of arrow, but the metadata is dropped.

Examples

```r
schema(a = int32(), b = float64())
schema(
  field("b", double()),
  field("c", bool(), nullable = FALSE),
  field("d", string())
)
df <- data.frame(col1 = 2:4, col2 = c(0.1, 0.3, 0.5))
tab1 <- arrow_table(df)
tab1$schema
tab2 <- arrow_table(df, schema = schema(col1 = int8(), col2 = float32()))
tab2$schema
```

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**Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>Table class</strong></th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Description**

A Table is a sequence of chunked arrays. They have a similar interface to record batches, but they can be composed from multiple record batches or chunked arrays.

**Usage**

`arrow_table(..., schema = NULL)`

**Arguments**

- `...` A data.frame or a named set of Arrays or vectors. If given a mixture of data.frames and named vectors, the inputs will be autospliced together (see examples). Alternatively, you can provide a single Arrow IPC InputStream, Message, Buffer, or R raw object containing a Buffer.
- `schema` a Schema, or NULL (the default) to infer the schema from the data in .... When providing an Arrow IPC buffer, schema is required.
S3 Methods and Usage

Tables are data-frame-like, and many methods you expect to work on a `data.frame` are implemented for Table. This includes `[]`, `[[`, `$`, `names`, `dim`, `nrow`, `ncol`, `head`, and `tail`. You can also pull the data from an Arrow table into R with `as.data.frame()`. See the examples.

A caveat about the `$` method: because Table is an R6 object, `$` is also used to access the object’s methods (see below). Methods take precedence over the table’s columns. So, `tab$Slice` would return the "Slice" method function even if there were a column in the table called "Slice".

R6 Methods

In addition to the more R-friendly S3 methods, a `Table` object has the following R6 methods that map onto the underlying C++ methods:

- `$column(i)`: Extract a `ChunkedArray` by integer position from the table
- `$ColumnNames()`: Get all column names (called by `names(tab)`)  
- `$nbytes()`: Total number of bytes consumed by the elements of the table  
- `$RenameColumns(value)`: Set all column names (called by `names(tab) <- value`)  
- `$GetColumnByName(name)`: Extract a `ChunkedArray` by string name  
- `$field(i)`: Extract a field from the table schema by integer position  
- `$SelectColumns(indices)`: Return new `Table` with specified columns, expressed as 0-based integers.  
- `$Slice(offset, length = NULL)`: Create a zero-copy view starting at the indicated integer offset and going for the given length, or to the end of the table if `NULL`, the default.  
- `$Take(i)`: return an `Table` with rows at positions given by integers `i`. If `i` is an Arrow `Array` or `Column`, it will be coerced to an R vector before taking.  
- `$Filter(i, keep_na = TRUE)`: return an `Table` with rows at positions where logical vector or Arrow boolean-type (Chunked)Array `i` is TRUE.  
- `$SortIndices(names, descending = FALSE)`: return an `Array` of integer row positions that can be used to rearrange the `Table` in ascending or descending order by the first named column, breaking ties with further named columns. `descending` can be a logical vector of length one or of the same length as `names`.  
- `$serialize(output_stream, ...)`: Write the table to the given `OutputStream`  
- `$cast(target_schema, safe = TRUE, options = cast_options(safe))`: Alter the schema of the record batch.

There are also some active bindings:

- `$num_columns`
- `$num_rows`
- `$schema`
- `$metadata`: Returns the key-value metadata of the `Schema` as a named list. Modify or replace by assigning in `tab$metadata <- new_metadata`. All list elements are coerced to string. See `schema()` for more information.
- `$columns`: Returns a list of `ChunkedArrays`
Examples

```r
tbl <- arrow_table(name = rownames(mtcars), mtcars)
dim(tbl)
dim(head(tbl))
names(tbl)
tbl$mpg
tbl[["cyl"]]
as.data.frame(tbl[4:8, c("gear", "hp", "wt")])
```

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**Description**

This can be used in pipelines that pass data back and forth between Arrow and other processes (like DuckDB).

**Usage**

```r
to_arrow(.data)
```

**Arguments**

- `.data` the object to be converted

**Value**

an `arrow_dplyr_query` object, to be used in `dplyr` pipelines.

**Examples**

```r
library(dplyr)

ds <- InMemoryDataset$create(mtcars)

d %>%
  filter(mpg < 30) %>%
  to_duckdb() %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE)) %>%
  to_arrow() %>%
  collect()
```
to_duckdb

Create a (virtual) DuckDB table from an Arrow object

Description

This will do the necessary configuration to create a (virtual) table in DuckDB that is backed by the Arrow object given. No data is copied or modified until collect() or compute() are called or a query is run against the table.

Usage

```r
to_duckdb(
  .data,
  con = arrow_duck_connection(),
  table_name = unique_arrow_tablename(),
  auto_disconnect = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

- `.data` the Arrow object (e.g. Dataset, Table) to use for the DuckDB table
- `con` a DuckDB connection to use (default will create one and store it in options("arrow_duck_con"))
- `table_name` a name to use in DuckDB for this object. The default is a unique string "arrow_" followed by numbers.
- `auto_disconnect` should the table be automatically cleaned up when the resulting object is removed (and garbage collected)? Default: FALSE

Details

The result is a dbplyr-compatible object that can be used in dplyr pipelines.

If `auto_disconnect = TRUE`, the DuckDB table that is created will be configured to be unregistered when the tbl object is garbage collected. This is helpful if you don’t want to have extra table objects in DuckDB after you’ve finished using them. Currently, this cleanup can, however, sometimes lead to hangs if tables are created and deleted in quick succession, hence the default value of FALSE.

Value

A tbl of the new table in DuckDB

Examples

```r
library(dplyr)

ds <- InMemoryDataset$create(mtcars)
```
ds %>%
  filter(mpg < 30) %>%
  to_duckdb() %>%
  group_by(cyl) %>%
  summarize(mean_mpg = mean(mpg, na.rm = TRUE))

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type

**Description**

infer the arrow Array type from an R vector

**Usage**

type(x)

**Arguments**

- **x**
  an R vector

**Value**

an arrow logical type

**Examples**

type(1:10)
type(1L:10L)
type(c(1, 1.5, 2))
type(c("A", "B", "C"))
type(mtcars)
type(Sys.Date())

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unify_schemas

**Description**

Combine and harmonize schemas

**Usage**

unify_schemas(..., schemas = list(...))
value_counts

Arguments

... Schemas to unify
schemas Alternatively, a list of schemas

Value

A Schema with the union of fields contained in the inputs, or NULL if any of schemas is NULL

Examples

a <- schema(b = double(), c = bool())
z <- schema(b = double(), k = utf8())
unify_schemas(a, z)

cyl_vals <- Array$create(mtcars$cyl)
counts <- value_counts(cyl_vals)
Description

Apache Arrow defines two formats for serializing data for interprocess communication (IPC): a "stream" format and a "file" format, known as Feather. `write_ipc_stream()` and `write_feather()` write those formats, respectively.

Usage

```r
write_arrow(x, sink, ...)
write_ipc_stream(x, sink, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` data.frame, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`
- `sink` A string file path, URI, or `OutputStream`, or path in a file system (SubTreeFileSystem)
- `...` extra parameters passed to `write_feather()`.

Details

`write_arrow()`, a wrapper around `write_ipc_stream()` and `write_feather()` with some non-standard behavior, is deprecated. You should explicitly choose the function that will write the desired IPC format (stream or file) since either can be written to a file or `OutputStream`.

Value

`x`, invisibly.

See Also

`write_feather()` for writing IPC files. `write_to_raw()` to serialize data to a buffer. `RecordBatchWriter` for a lower-level interface.

Examples

```r
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write_ipc_stream(mtcars, tf)
```
write_csv_arrow

Write CSV file to disk

Description

Write CSV file to disk

Usage

```
write_csv_arrow(
  x,
  sink,
  file = NULL,
  include_header = TRUE,
  col_names = NULL,
  batch_size = 1024L,
  write_options = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

- **x** data.frame, RecordBatch, or Table
- **sink** A string file path, URI, or OutputStream, or path in a file system (SubTreeFileSystem)
- **file** file name. Specify this or sink, not both.
- **include_header** Whether to write an initial header line with column names
- **col_names** identical to include_header. Specify this or include_headers, not both.
- **batch_size** Maximum number of rows processed at a time. Default is 1024.
- **write_options** see file reader options
  - ... additional parameters

Value

The input x, invisibly. Note that if sink is an OutputStream, the stream will be left open.

Examples

```
tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write_csv_arrow(mtcars, tf)
```
### Description

This function allows you to write a dataset. By writing to more efficient binary storage formats, and by specifying relevant partitioning, you can make it much faster to read and query.

### Usage

```r
write_dataset(
  dataset,
  path,
  format = c("parquet", "feather", "arrow", "ipc", "csv"),
  partitioning = dplyr::group_vars(dataset),
  basename_template = paste0("part-{i}.", as.character(format)),
  hive_style = TRUE,
  existing_data_behavior = c("overwrite", "error", "delete_matching"),
  max_partitions = 1024L,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

- **dataset**: Dataset, RecordBatch, Table, arrow_dplyr_query, or data.frame. If an arrow_dplyr_query, the query will be evaluated and the result will be written. This means that you can `select()`, `filter()`, `mutate()`, etc. to transform the data before it is written if you need to.
- **path**: string path, URI, or SubTreeFileSystem referencing a directory to write to (directory will be created if it does not exist)
- **format**: a string identifier of the file format. Default is to use "parquet" (see FileFormat)
- **partitioning**: Partitioning or a character vector of columns to use as partition keys (to be written as path segments). Default is to use the current `group_by()` columns.
- **basename_template**: string template for the names of files to be written. Must contain "{i}", which will be replaced with an autoincremented integer to generate basenames of datafiles. For example, "part-{i}.feather" will yield "part-0.feather", ...
- **hive_style**: logical: write partition segments as Hive-style (key1=value1/key2=value2/file.ext) or as just bare values. Default is TRUE.
- **existing_data_behavior**: The behavior to use when there is already data in the destination directory. Must be one of "overwrite", "error", or "delete_matching":
  - "overwrite" (the default) then any new files created will overwrite existing files
  - "error" then the operation will fail if the destination directory is not empty
"delete_matching" then the writer will delete any existing partitions if data is going to be written to those partitions and will leave alone partitions which data is not written to.

**max_partitions**

maximum number of partitions any batch may be written into. Default is 1024L.

... additional format-specific arguments. For available Parquet options, see `write_parquet()`.

The available Feather options are:

- **use_legacy_format** logical: write data formatted so that Arrow libraries versions 0.14 and lower can read it. Default is FALSE. You can also enable this by setting the environment variable ARROW_PRE_0_15_IPC_FORMAT=1.
- **metadata_version**: A string like "V5" or the equivalent integer indicating the Arrow IPC MetadataVersion. Default (NULL) will use the latest version, unless the environment variable ARROW_PRE_1_0_METADATA_VERSION=1, in which case it will be V4.
- **codec**: A Codec which will be used to compress body buffers of written files. Default (NULL) will not compress body buffers.
- **null_fallback**: character to be used in place of missing values (NA or NULL) when using Hive-style partitioning. See `hive_partition()`.

**Value**

The input dataset, invisibly

**Examples**

```r
# You can write datasets partitioned by the values in a column (here: "cyl").
# This creates a structure of the form cyl=X/part-Z.parquet.
one_level_tree <- tempfile()
write_dataset(mtcars, one_level_tree, partitioning = "cyl")
list.files(one_level_tree, recursive = TRUE)

# You can also partition by the values in multiple columns
# (here: "cyl" and "gear").
# This creates a structure of the form cyl=X/gear=Y/part-Z.parquet.
two_levels_tree <- tempfile()
write_dataset(mtcars, two_levels_tree, partitioning = c("cyl", "gear"))
list.files(two_levels_tree, recursive = TRUE)

# In the two previous examples we would have:
# X = {4,6,8}, the number of cylinders.
# Y = {3,4,5}, the number of forward gears.
# Z = {0,1,2}, the number of saved parts, starting from 0.

# You can obtain the same result as as the previous examples using arrow with
# a dplyr pipeline. This will be the same as two_levels_tree above, but the
# output directory will be different.
library(dplyr)
two_levels_tree_2 <- tempfile()
mtcars %>%
  group_by(cyl, gear) %>%
```
```
write_dataset(two_levels_tree_2)
list.files(two_levels_tree_2, recursive = TRUE)

# And you can also turn off the Hive-style directory naming where the column
# name is included with the values by using `hive_style = FALSE`.

# Write a structure X/Y/part-Z.parquet.
two_levels_tree_no_hive <- tempfile()
mtcars %>%
group_by(cyl, gear) %>%
  write_dataset(two_levels_tree_no_hive, hive_style = FALSE)
list.files(two_levels_tree_no_hive, recursive = TRUE)
```

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**write_feather**

*Write data in the Feather format*

**Description**

Feather provides binary columnar serialization for data frames. It is designed to make reading and writing data frames efficient, and to make sharing data across data analysis languages easy. This function writes both the original, limited specification of the format and the version 2 specification, which is the Apache Arrow IPC file format.

**Usage**

```
write_feather(
  x, sink,
  version = 2,
  chunk_size = 65536L,
  compression = c("default", "lz4", "uncompressed", "zstd"),
  compression_level = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- **x**
  - data.frame, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`
- **sink**
  - A string file path, URI, or `OutputStream`, or path in a file system (`SubTreeFileSystem`)
- **version**
  - integer Feather file version. Version 2 is the current. Version 1 is the more limited legacy format.
- **chunk_size**
  - For V2 files, the number of rows that each chunk of data should have in the file. Use a smaller `chunk_size` when you need faster random row access. Default is 64K. This option is not supported for V1.
- **compression**
  - Name of compression codec to use, if any. Default is "lz4" if LZ4 is available in your build of the Arrow C++ library, otherwise "uncompressed". "zstd" is the other available codec and generally has better compression ratios in exchange
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for slower read and write performance See codec_is_available(). This option is not supported for V1.

compression_level

If compression is “zstd”, you may specify an integer compression level. If omitted, the compression codec’s default compression level is used.

Value

The input x, invisibly. Note that if sink is an OutputStream, the stream will be left open.

See Also

RecordBatchWriter for lower-level access to writing Arrow IPC data.

Schema for information about schemas and metadata handling.

Examples

tf <- tempfile()
on.exit(unlink(tf))
write_feather(mtcars, tf)

| write_parquet | Write Parquet file to disk |

Description

Parquet is a columnar storage file format. This function enables you to write Parquet files from R.

Usage

write_parquet(
  x,
  sink,
  chunk_size = NULL,
  version = NULL,
  compression = default_parquet_compression(),
  compression_level = NULL,
  use_dictionary = NULL,
  write_statistics = NULL,
  data_page_size = NULL,
  use_deprecated_int96_timestamps = FALSE,
  coerce_timestamps = NULL,
  allow_truncated_timestamps = FALSE,
  properties = NULL,
  arrow_properties = NULL
)

write_parquet

Arguments

- **x**: `data.frame`, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`
- **sink**: A string file path, URI, or `OutputStream`, or path in a file system (`SubTreeFileSystem`)
- **chunk_size**: how many rows of data to write to disk at once. This directly corresponds to how many rows will be in each row group in parquet. If `NULL`, a best guess will be made for optimal size (based on the number of columns and number of rows), though if the data has fewer than 250 million cells (rows x cols), then the total number of rows is used.
- **version**: parquet version, "1.0" or "2.0". Default "1.0". Numeric values are coerced to character.
- **compression**: compression algorithm. Default "snappy". See details.
- **compression_level**: compression level. Meaning depends on compression algorithm
- **use_dictionary**: Specify if we should use dictionary encoding. Default `TRUE`
- **write_statistics**: Specify if we should write statistics. Default `TRUE`
- **data_page_size**: Set a target threshold for the approximate encoded size of data pages within a column chunk (in bytes). Default 1 MiB.
- **use Deprecated int96 timestamps**: Write timestamps to INT96 Parquet format. Default `FALSE`.
- **coerce_timestamps**: Cast timestamps a particular resolution. Can be `NULL`, "ms" or "us". Default `NULL` (no casting)
- **allow truncated timestamps**: Allow loss of data when coercing timestamps to a particular resolution. E.g. if microsecond or nanosecond data is lost when coercing to "ms", do not raise an exception
- **properties**: A `ParquetWriterProperties` object, used instead of the options enumerated in this function’s signature. Providing properties as an argument is deprecated; if you need to assemble `ParquetWriterProperties` outside of `write_parquet()`, use `ParquetFileWriter` instead.
- **arrow_properties**: A `ParquetArrowWriterProperties` object. Like properties, this argument is deprecated.

Details

Due to features of the format, Parquet files cannot be appended to. If you want to use the Parquet format but also want the ability to extend your dataset, you can write to additional Parquet files and then treat the whole directory of files as a `Dataset` you can query. See `vignette("dataset",package = "arrow")` for examples of this.

The parameters `compression`, `compression_level`, `use_dictionary` and `write_statistics` support various patterns:

- The default `NULL` leaves the parameter unspecified, and the C++ library uses an appropriate default for each column (defaults listed above)
A single, unnamed, value (e.g. a single string for compression) applies to all columns

- An unnamed vector, of the same size as the number of columns, to specify a value for each column, in positional order

- A named vector, to specify the value for the named columns, the default value for the setting is used when not supplied

The `compression` argument can be any of the following (case insensitive): "uncompressed", "snappy", "gzip", "brotli", "zstd", "lz4", "lzo" or "bz2". Only "uncompressed" is guaranteed to be available, but "snappy" and "gzip" are almost always included. See `codec_is_available()`. The default "snappy" is used if available, otherwise "uncompressed". To disable compression, set `compression = "uncompressed"`. Note that "uncompressed" columns may still have dictionary encoding.

### Value

the input `x` invisibly.

### Examples

```r
tf1 <- tempfile(fileext = "\.parquet")
write_parquet(data.frame(x = 1:5), tf1)

# using compression
if (codec_is_available("gzip")) {
  tf2 <- tempfile(fileext = ".gz.parquet")
  write_parquet(data.frame(x = 1:5), tf2, compression = "gzip", compression_level = 5)
}
```

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## Description

`write_to_raw` Write Arrow data to a raw vector

`write_ipc_stream()` and `write_feather()` write data to a sink and return the data (`data.frame`, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`) they were given. This function wraps those so that you can serialize data to a buffer and access that buffer as a raw vector in R.

## Usage

```r
write_to_raw(x, format = c("stream", "file"))
```

## Arguments

- `x` data.frame, `RecordBatch`, or `Table`

- `format` one of c("stream", "file"), indicating the IPC format to use
Value

A raw vector containing the bytes of the IPC serialized data.

Examples

```r
# The default format is "stream"
mtcars_raw <- write_to_raw(mtcars)
```
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