

# Package ‘hdf5r’

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hdf5r-package	<i>hdf5r: A package to provide an interface to hdf5 from R</i>
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## Description

A package that allows to interface with the HDF5 C-library. Provides access to most of its functionality from inside R using R6 classes. For more details please see the README at the github page <https://github.com/hhoeflin/hdf5r>.

## Examples

```
test_file <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
file.h5 <- H5File$new(test_file, mode="w")

data(cars)
file.h5$create_group("test")
file.h5[["test/cars"]] <- cars
cars_ds <- file.h5[["test/cars"]]
h5attr(cars_ds, "rownames") <- rownames(cars)

# Close the file at the end
# the 'close' method closes only the file-id, but leaves object inside the file open
# This may prevent re-opening of the file. 'close_all' closes the file and all objects in it
file.h5$close_all()
# now re-open it
file.h5 <- H5File$new(test_file, mode="r+")

# lets look at the content
file.h5$ls(recursive=TRUE)
```

```
cars_ds <- file.h5[["test/cars"]]
# note that for now tables in HDF5 are 1-dimensional, not 2-dimensional
mycars <- cars_ds[]
h5attr_names(cars_ds)
h5attr(cars_ds, "rownames")

file.h5$close_all()
```

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as\_hex

*Convert a double or integer to hex*

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### **Description**

Convert a double or integer to hex

### **Usage**

```
as_hex(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x                    The integer or double vector to convert

### **Details**

Converts a double or integer to hex. Contrary to the built-in [format](#), this is done without any conversion of integers in double-format to integers in integer format.

### **Value**

Character string with the hex value

### **Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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create_empty	<i>Create an empty R-object according to a given HDF5 datatype</i>
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**Description**

Create an empty R-object according to a given HDF5 datatype

**Usage**

```
create_empty(nelem, dtype)
```

**Arguments**

nelem	The number of elements to use for the object
dtype	The datatype based on which an empty R-object should be created

**Details**

With complex datatypes it can be useful to have a template that can be used so that the data input into a dataset conforms to expectations.

Given a datatype, this function creates an object of length `nelem`. Here, an empty datatype refers to objects with value 0 for numeric objects and empty strings.

**Value**

An empty R object corresponding to the datatype that was passed in

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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factor_ext	<i>Create an extended factor</i>
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**Description**

Create an extended factor

**Usage**

```
factor_ext(x, values, levels, drop = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	The object to convert to an factor_ext
values	The values used for the levels; This is were factor_ext is different from a factor, as values for levels do not have to be consecutive or start at 1.
levels	The levels of the object; character string
drop	Should non-occurring levels be dropped

**Details**

An extended version of a regular factor variable. Instead of the levels having values from 1 to n where n is the number of levels, any integer value can be used for any level (including 64bit integers). If all values are in the range of a regular 32-bit integer, it is coerced to int. Automatic coercion of extended factors to factors in [H5ToR\\_Post](#) for enums only works for 32-bit integer base types. In this page this is heavily used, as constants in HDF5 can be arbitrary integer values.

**Value**

An object of S3 class factor\_ext

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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factor\_ext\_functions    *Various functions for factor\_ext objects*

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**Description**

Various functions for factor\_ext objects

**Usage**

```
values(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
```

```
values(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'factor'
```

```
values(x, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
values(x, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
```

```
as.character(x, ...)
```

```

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
x[...]

## S3 replacement method for class 'factor_ext'
x[...] <- value

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
x[, ..., drop = FALSE]

## S3 replacement method for class 'factor_ext'
x[, ..., ] <- value

is.factor_ext(x)

coercible_to_factor(x)

coerce_to_factor(x)

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
print(x, quote = FALSE, max.levels = NULL,
      width = getOption("width"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
e1 == e2

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
e1 != e2

## S3 method for class 'factor_ext'
c(...)

```

### Arguments

x	Object of type factor_ext
...	Currently ignored
value	The object to assign; here has be a level of factor_ext
drop	Should dimensions of size 1 be dropped?
quote	logical, indicating whether or not strings should be printed with surrounding quotes.
max.levels	integer, indicating how many levels should be printed. if '0', no extra "Levels" line will be printed. The default, 'NULL', entails choosing 'max.levels' such that the levels print on one line of width 'width' (same for values).
width	only used when max.levels is NULL (see above)
e1, e2	The two objects in the equality or inequality comparison.

### Details

**values** Extracts the underlying values of an object (the generic here)

**values.factor\_ext** Extracts the underlying values of a factor\_ext object

**values.factor** Extracts the underlying values of a factor

**values.default** Default of the values function; currently returns an error

**as.character** Coerces factor\_ext to a character-representation using its levels, not values

**[.factor\_ext** Single-item subsetting of a factor\_ext object

**[<-.factor\_ext** Single-item subset assignment to a factor\_ext object

**[.factor\_ext** Subsetting of a factor\_ext object

**[<-.factor\_ext** Subset assignment to a factor\_ext object

**is.factor\_ext** Check if it is a factor\_ext object. Returns a logical

**coercible\_to\_factor** Checks if a factor\_ext could be coerced to a factor. Return a logical.

**coerce\_to\_factor** Coerces to a factor, otherwise throws an error if not possible.

**print.factor\_ext** Prints a factor\_ext object.

**==.factor\_ext** Compare two factor\_ext for equality.

**!=.factor\_ext** Compare two factor\_ext for inequality.

**c.factor\_ext** Concatenate objects of type factor\_ext.

**Value**

Depending on the function

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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flatten\_df

*Flatten a nested data.frame*

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**Description**

Flatten a nested data.frame

**Usage**

```
flatten_df(df, factor_ext_to_char = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**df** The data.frame to flatten

**factor\_ext\_to\_char** Should extended factor variables be converted to characters (mainly for easy printing)



**Details**

HDF5 Compounds allow for nesting. Correspondingly, nested data.frames are being produced. This function flattens such a nested data.frame.

For easier printing to the screen, it also allows for coercion of `factor_ext` to character variables.

**Value**

A flattened `data.frame`

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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guess_chunks	<i>Guess the dimension of a chunk</i>
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**Description**

Guess the dimension of a chunk

**Usage**

```
guess_chunks(space_maxdims, dtype_size,  
             chunk_size = getOption("hdf5r.chunk_size"))
```

**Arguments**

space_maxdims	Maximal dimensions of the dataset
dtype_size	Size of the datatype that is stored
chunk_size	Size of each chunk in bytes

**Details**

The size of the chunk in bytes is first divided by the size of the datatype, giving the number of elements to be stored in each chunk. This is taken as a rough guideline. Then, the number of dimensions of the dataset is used. By default, the chunk is assumed to have the same size in each dimension, yielding an initial guess.

If the resulting chunk is larger than the entire dataset for a maximal dimension, this dimension of the chunk is reduced and redistributed to the other dimensions.

As a chunk is never allowed to be larger than the maximum dimension of the dataset itself,

**Value**

An integer vector giving the dimension of the chunk

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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`guess_nelem`*Guess the HDF5 datatype of an R object*

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**Description**

Guess the HDF5 datatype of an R object

**Usage**

```
guess_nelem(x, dtype)
```

```
guess_dim(x)
```

```
guess_dtype(x, ds_dim = NULL, scalar = FALSE,  
            string_len = getOption("hdf5r.default_string_len"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The object for which to guess the HDF5 datatype or the dimension or the number of elements
<code>dtype</code>	datatype; used in guessing the number of dataset elements of an r object
<code>ds_dim</code>	Can explicitly set the dimension of the dataset object. For scalar, this is one. Otherwise, this can be used so that a multi-dimensional object can be represented so that some of its dimension are in the dataset, and some are inside an <a href="#">H5T_ARRAY</a>
<code>scalar</code>	Should the datatype be created so that <code>x</code> can be represented as a scalar with that datatype? This is intended to know if a vector/array should be represented as an <a href="#">H5T_ARRAY</a> or not.
<code>string_len</code>	If a string is in the R object, the length to which the corresponding HDF5 type should be set. If it is a positive integer, the string is of that length. If it is <code>Inf</code> , it is variable length. If it is set to estimate, it is set to the length of the longest string in the <code>x</code> .

**Details**

Given an object, it creates a datatype in HDF5 that would match this object. For simple datasets like arrays, this function is not so useful, but is very good for creating dataframes or hierarchical objects (like lists of dataframes) etc.

**Value**

An object of class [H5T](#) that represents the HDF5-type of the Robj that was passed in

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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guess_space	<i>Guess the dataspace of an object</i>
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**Description**

Guess the dataspace of an object

**Usage**

```
guess_space(x, dtype, chunked = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	The R object for which to guess the space
dtype	Object of type <a href="#">H5T</a> , that represents that datatype to use.
chunked	Is the datatype chunked? If yes, maxdims of the space will be set to infinity, otherwise maxdims will be set to the original extent of the space.

**Details**

Creates a dataspace that fits an R object so that it can be written into a dataset. This is used for example in dataset creation based on an R-object, not a specifically defined dimensions.

**Value**

An object of type [H5S](#)

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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h5-wrapper	<i>Wrapper functions to provide an <b>h5</b> compatible interface.</i>
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**Description**

The functions listed below provide a wrapper-interface compatible to functions specified in the **h5** package. The author(s) have decided to deprecate **h5** and join forces and still make the transition for **h5** users as smooth as possible. Additionally, almost all testcases could be transferred to **hdf5r** to improve test coverage even more.

**Usage**

```

h5file(...)

createGroup(object, name, ...)

openLocation(object, name)

openGroup(object, name)

createDataSet(object, name, ...)

readDataSet(object)

h5close(object)

h5flush(object)

existsGroup(object, name)

is.h5file(name)

extendDataSet(object, dims)

## S3 method for class 'H5D'
rbind(x, mat, ..., deparse.level = 1)

## S3 method for class 'H5D'
cbind(x, mat, ..., deparse.level = 1)

## S3 method for class 'H5D'
c(x, ...)

h5unlink(object, name)

list.attributes(object)

```

**Arguments**

...	Additional parameters passed to <code>create_group</code> or <code>h5file</code> .
object	CommonFG; Object implementing the CommonFG Interface (e.g. <a href="#">H5File</a> , <a href="#">H5Group</a> ).
name	Name of the group to create.
dims	numeric; Dimension vector to which dataset should be extended.
x	An object of class H5D; the dataset to add rows or columns to; Needs to be a matrix
mat	The matrix to add to x
deparse.level	Set to 1; ignored otherwise; only present as required by generic

## Details

Below you can find a list of all **h5** functions including **hdf5r** mappings.

**h5file** Directly maps to `H5File$new`, see also [H5File](#).

**createGroup** Maps to `object$create_group` where object implements *CommonFG*.

**openLocation** Uses `object$open` where object implements *CommonFG*.

**createDataSet** Maps to `object$create_dataset` where object implements *CommonFG*.

**readDataSet** Maps to `object$read`, see also [H5D](#).

**h5close** Maps to `object$close_all` for [H5File](#) and `object$close` for other.

**h5flush** Maps to `object$flush` where object implements *CommonFGDTA*.

The following **interfaces** are defined:

**CommonFG** Implemented by objects of class [H5File](#) and [H5Group](#).

**CommonFGDTA** Implemented by objects of class [H5File](#), [H5Group](#), [H5D](#), [H5T](#) and [H5A](#).

## References

Mario Annau (2017). **h5**: *Interface to the 'HDF5' Library*. R package version 0.9.9. <https://github.com/annau/h5>

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H5A-class

*Class for representing HDF5 attributes*

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## Description

This class represents an HDF5 attribute. Usually it is easier to read and write attributes for groups, datasets and committed datatypes using the functions documented in [h5attributes](#).

## Details

Otherwise, the functionality for attributes is very similar to that of datasets ([H5D](#)), however with the notable exception that attributes always have to be read and written as a whole.

## Value

Object of class [H5A](#).

## Methods

`get_info()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO) for details.

`attr_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_NAME) for details.

`get_space()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_space`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_SPACE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_SPACE) for details.

`get_type(native = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_TYPE) for details.

`get_storage_size()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_storage_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_STORAGE\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_STORAGE_SIZE) for details.

`read_low_level(buffer, mem_type, duplicate_buffer = FALSE)` Only for advanced users. See documentation for `read` instead. This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aread`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_READ](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_READ) for details.

`read(flags = getOption("hdf5r.h5tor_default"), drop = TRUE)` Reads the data of the attribute and returns it as an R-object

### Parameters

**flags** Conversion rules for integer values. See also [h5const](#)

**drop** Logical. Should dimensions of length 1 be dropped (R-default for arrays)

`write_low_level(buffer, mem_type)` Only for advanced users. See documentation for `write` instead. This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Awrite`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_WRITE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_WRITE) for details.

`write(rojb, mem_type = NULL, flush = getOption("hdf5r.flush_on_write"))` Writes the data of `rojb` to the attribute

### Parameters

**rojb** The object to write into the attribute

**mem\_type** The memory data type to use when transferring from HDF5 to intermediate storage. This is an advanced development feature and may be removed in the future.

`print(...)` Prints information for the dataset

### Parameters

... ignored

`flush(scope = h5const$H5F_SCOPE_GLOBAL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fflush`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_FLUSH](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_FLUSH) for details.

`get_filename()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_NAME) for details.

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

**Examples**

```
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
h5attr(file, "attr_numeric") <- rnorm(10)
a <- file$h5attr_open("attr_numeric")
a$get_info()
a$h5attr_name()
a$get_space()
a$get_type()
a$get_storage_size()
a$read()
a$write(10:1)
a$print()
a$close()
file$close_all()
```

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h5attributes*Interface for HDF5 attributes*

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**Description**

Interface for HDF5 attributes

**Usage**

h5attributes(x)

h5attr\_names(x)

h5attr(x, which)

h5attr(x, which) &lt;- value

**Arguments**

x	The object to which to attach the attribute to or retrieve it from. Can be one of <a href="#">H5Group</a> , <a href="#">H5D</a> , <a href="#">H5T</a> or <a href="#">H5File</a>
which	The name of the attribute to assign it to
value	The value to assign to the attribute.

**Details**

Implements high-level functions that allows interactions with HDF5-attributes in a way very similar to regular R-object attributes in R are handled.

**Value**

For `h5attributes`, a named list with the content of the attributes read out. For `h5attr_names`, a vector of names of the attributes attached to the object `x`. For `h5attr`, the content of the attribute and for `h5attr<-`, the assignment, the original object to which the attributes are attached (so that chaining is possible).

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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h5const

*All constants used in HDF5*

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**Description**

These are all constants used in HDF5. They are stored in an environment with locked bindings so that they cannot be changed. An overview of all constants can be seen with `h5const$overview`, listing all of them. Each constant can be accessed using `$` and the name of the constant. See the examples below.

**Details**

There are also some flags that govern edge cases of conversion from HDF5 to R. This is related to how integers are being treated and the issue of R not being able to natively represent 64bit integers and not at all being able to represent unsigned 64bit integers (even using add-on packages). The constants all start with the term `H5TOR`. There are currently possible values

**H5TOR\_CONV\_NONE** Doesn't do any conversion. Every integer datatype with more than 32 bit is returned as 64bit integers. For unsigned 64bit integers, the conversion to signed 64bit integers is done by truncation

**H5TOR\_CONV\_INT64\_INT\_NOLOSS** Under this setting, whenever a 64 bit integer would be returned, it is checked if it would also fit into a 32 bit integer without data loss and returned as such if possible

**H5TOR\_CONV\_INT64\_FLOAT\_NOLOSS** Under this setting, whenever a 64 bit integer would be returned, it is checked if it would also fit into a 64 bit floating point value without data loss and returned as such if possible

**H5TOR\_CONV\_INT64\_NOLOSS** Combines `H5TOR_CONV_INT64_INT_NOLOSS` and `H5TOR_CONV_INT64_FLOAT_NOLOSS` and is set as the default in the `hdf5r.h5tor_default` option.

**H5TOR\_CONV\_INT64\_FLOAT\_FORCE** Under this setting, whenever a 64 bit integer would be returned, it is coerced to a double even if this results in a loss of precision. If a loss of precision occurs, a warning is issued. Please note that this also overrides the use of `H5TOR_CONV_UINT64_NA`. As loss of precision is already accepted, `UINT64`-values that are larger than `LLONG_MAX` will be represented as their next possible floating point value.

**H5TOR\_CONV\_UINT64\_NA** When converting an unsigned 64bit integer, any values that don't fit into a signed 64bit integer are set to `NA`. If this flag is not set, then the values will be truncated to `LLONG_MAX`, the largest 64bit signed integer.

**H5TOR\_CONV\_DEFAULT** Is both `H5TOR_CONV_INT64_INT` and `H5TOR_CONV_UINT64_FLOAT`



**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```

h5const$overview
h5const$H5F_ACC_RDWR
h5const$H5F_ACC_DEFAULT
# Combining flags
bitOr(h5const$H5TOR_CONV_UINT64_NA, h5const$H5TOR_CONV_INT64_INT_NOLOSS)

```

H5D-class

*Class for representing HDF5 datasets***Description**

In HDF5, datasets can be located in a group (see [H5Group](#)) or at the root of a file (see [H5File](#)). They can be created either with a pre-existing R-object (arrays as well as data.frames are supported, but not lists or other complex objects), or by specifying an explicit datatype (for available datatypes see `h5types$overview` as well as the dimension. In addition, other features are supported such as transparent compression (for which a chunk-size can be selected).

**Details**

In order to create a dataset, the `create_dataset` methods of either [H5Group](#) or [H5File](#) should be used. Please see the documentation there for how to create them.

The most important parts of a dataset are the

**Space** The space of the dataset. It describes the dimension of the dataset as well as the maximum dimensions. Can be obtained using the `get_space` of the [H5S](#) object.

**Datatype** The datatypes that is being used in the dataset. Can be obtained using the `get_type` method. See [H5T](#) to get more information about using datatypes.

In order to read and write datasets, the `read` and `write` methods are available. In addition, the standard way of using `[]` to access arrays is supported as well (see [H5S\\_H5D\\_subset\\_assign](#) for more help).

Other information/action of possible interest are

**Storage size** The size of the dataset can be extracted using `get_storage_size`

**Size change** The size of the dataset can be changed using the `set_extent` method

Please also note the active methods

**dims** Dimension of the dataset

**maxdims** Maximum dimensions of the dataset

**chunk\_dims** Dimension of the chunks

**key\_info** Returns the space, type, property-list and dimensions

**Value**

Object of class [H5D](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Initializes a new dataset-object. Only for internal use. Use the `create_dataset` function for [H5Group](#) and [H5File](#) objects

**Parameters**

**id** For internal use only

`get_space()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_space`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_SPACE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_SPACE) for details.

`get_space_status()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_space_status`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_SPACE\\_STATUS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_SPACE_STATUS) for details.

`get_type(native = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_TYPE) for details.

`get_create_plist()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_create_plist`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_CREATE\\_PLIST](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_CREATE_PLIST) for details.

`get_access_plist()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_access_plist`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_ACCESS\\_PLIST](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_ACCESS_PLIST) for details.

`get_offset()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_offset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_OFFSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_OFFSET) for details.

`get_storage_size()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dget_storage_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_GET\\_STORAGE\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_GET_STORAGE_SIZE) for details.

`vlen_get_buf_size(type, space)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dvlen_get_buf_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_VLEN\\_GET\\_BUF\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_VLEN_GET_BUF_SIZE) for details.

`vlen_reclaim(buffer, type, space, dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dvlen_reclaim`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_VLEN\\_RECLAIM](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_VLEN_RECLAIM) for details.

`read_low_level(file_space = h5const$H5S_ALL, mem_space = NULL, mem_type = NULL, dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function is for advanced users. It is recommended to use `read` instead or the `[` interface. This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dread`, with minor changes to the API to accommodate R. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_READ](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_READ) for details. It reads the data in the dataset as specified by `mem_space` and return it as an R-obj

**Parameters**

**file\_space** An HDF5-space, represented as class [H5S](#) that determines which part of the dataset is being read. Can also be given as an `id`

**mem\_space** The space as it is represented in memory; advanced feature; may be removed in the future. Can also be given as an id.

**mem\_type** Memory type; extracted from the dataset if null (can be passed in for efficiency reasons). Can also be given as an id.

**dataset\_xfer\_pl** Dataset transfer property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#)

**flags** Conversion rules for integer values. See also [h5const](#)

**set\_dim** If TRUE, the dimension attribute is set in the return value. How it is set is determined by `dim_to_set`.

**dim\_to\_set** The dimension to set; Has to be numeric and needs to be specified if `set_dim` is TRUE. If the result is a `data.frame`, i.e. the data-type is a compound, then the dimension is ignored as the correct dimension is already set.

**drop** Logical. Should dimensions of length 1 be dropped (R-default for arrays)

`read(args = NULL, dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, flags = getOption("hdf5r.h5tor_default"), drop = TRUE)`  
Main interface for reading data from the dataset. It is the function that is used by `[`, where all indices are being passed in the parameter `args`.

#### Parameters

**args** The indices for each dimension to subset given as a list. This makes this easier to use as a programmatic API. For interactive use we recommend the use of the `[` operator. If set to NULL, the entire dataset will be read.

**envir** The environment in which to evaluate `args`

**dataset\_xfer\_pl** An object of class [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#).

**flags** Some flags governing edge cases of conversion from HDF5 to R. This is related to how integers are being treated and the issue of R not being able to natively represent 64bit integers and not at all being able to represent unsigned 64bit integers (even using add-on packages). The constants governing this are part of [h5const](#). The relevant ones start with the term `H5TOR` and are documented there. The default set here returns a regular 32bit integer if it doesn't lead to an overflow and returns a 64bit integer from the `bit64` package otherwise. For 64bit unsigned int that are larger than 64bit signed int, it returns a `double`. This loses precision, however.

**drop** Logical. When reading data, should dimensions of size 1 be dropped.

#### Return

The data that was read as an R object

`write_low_level(robj, file_space = h5const$H5S_ALL, mem_space = NULL, mem_type = NULL, dataset_xfer_pl = H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function is for advanced users. It is recommended to use `read` instead or the `[<-` interface as used for arrays. This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dwrite`, with some changes to accommodate R. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_WRITE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_WRITE) for details. It writes that data from the `robj` into the dataset.

#### Parameters

**robj** The object to write into the dataset

**mem\_space** The space as it is represented in memory; advanced feature; may be removed in the future

**mem\_type** Memory type; extracted from the dataset if null (can be passed in for efficiency reasons)

**file\_space** An HDF5-space, represented as class [H5S](#) that determines which part of the dataset is being written.

**dataset\_xfer\_pl** Dataset transfer property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#)

**flush** Should a flush be done after the write

`write(args, value, dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, envir = parent.frame())` Main interface for writing data to the dataset. It is the function that is used by `[<-`, where all indices are being passed in the parameter `args`.

#### Parameters

**args** The indices for each dimension to subset given as a list. This makes this easier to use as a programmatic API. For interactive use we recommend the use of the `[` operator. If set to `NULL`, the entire dataset will be read.

**value** The data to write to the dataset

**envir** The environment in which to evaluate `args`

**dataset\_xfer\_pl** An object of class [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#).

#### Return

The HDF5 dataset object, returned invisibly

`set_extent(dims)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dset_extent`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_SET\\_EXTENT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_SET_EXTENT) for details.

`get_fill_value()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_fill_value`, automatically supplying the datatype of the dataset for convenience. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_FILL\\_VALUE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_FILL_VALUE) for details.

`create_reference(...)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Rcreate`. The parameters are interpreted as in `'[`'. The function always create `H5R_DATASET_REGION` references Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_CREATE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_CREATE) for details.

`print(..., max.attributes = 10)` Prints information for the dataset

#### Parameters

`...` ignored

**max.attributes** Maximum number of attribute names to print

`obj_info(remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO) for details.

`get_obj_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_NAME) for details.

`create_attr(attr_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE2) for details.

`attr_open(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN) for details.

`create_attr_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_exists_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_exists(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS) for details.

`attr_rename_by_name(old_attr_name, new_attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_rename(old_attr_name, new_attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME) for details.

`attr_delete(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE) for details.

`attr_delete_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_delete_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_info_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_info_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_name_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_get_number()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_num_attrs`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM\\_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs) for details.

`flush(scope = h5const$H5F_SCOPE_GLOBAL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fflush`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_FLUSH](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_FLUSH) for details.

`get_filename()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_NAME) for details.

`dims()` Get the dimension of the dataset

`maxdims()` Get the maximal dimension of the dataset

`chunk_dims()` Return the dimension of the chunks. NA if the dataset is not chunked

`key_info()` Returns the key types as a list, consisting of `type`, `space`, `dataset_create_pl`, `type_size_raw`, `type_size_variable`, `dims` and `chunk_dims`. `type_size_raw` versus `variable` differs for variable length types, which return `Inf` for `type_size_variable` and the underlying size for `type_size_raw`

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### Examples

```
# First create a file to create datasets in it
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")

# Show the 3 different ways how to create a dataset
file[["directly"]] <- matrix(1:10, ncol=2)
file$create_dataset("from_robj", matrix(1:10, ncol=2))
dset <- file$create_dataset("basic", dtype=h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT,
                           space=H5S$new("simple", dims=c(5, 2), maxdims=c(10,2)), chunk_dims=c(5,2))

# Different ways of reading the dataset
dset$read(args=list(1:5, 1))
dset$read(args=list(1:5, quote(expr=)))
dset$read(args=list(1:5, NULL))
dset[1:5, 1]
dset[1:5, ]
dset[1:5, NULL]

# Writing to the dataset
dset$write(args=list(1:3, 1:2), value=11:16)
dset[4:5, 1:2] <- -(1:4)
dset[, ]

# Extract key information
dset$dims
dset$maxdims
dset$chunk_dims
dset$key_info
dset

file$close_all()
file.remove(fname)
```

H5File-class

*Class for interacting with HDF5 files.***Description**

H5File objects are the main entry point to access HDF5 data from binary files. This class represents an open HDF5 File-id. It inherits all functions of the [H5RefClass](#).

**Details**

HDF5 files can be opened or generated using the `H5File$new()` function and a specified file access mode. `H5File$new()` returns a `H5File` object which can be used to access [H5Groups](#) and [Datasets](#) (see [H5D](#)) using subsetting parameters or according class methods.

HDF5 files which have been created or opened through `H5File$new()` need to be closed afterwards using `$close_all()`. `$close_all()` not only closes the file itself, but also all objects that are still open inside it (such as groups or datasets). `$flush()` can be used to flush unwritten data to an HDF5 file.

HDF5 Files typically contain the following objects:

**Groups** Similar to a file system folder, used to organize HDF5 objects in a hierarchical way, see also [H5Group](#)

**Datasets** Objects to store actual data, see also [H5D](#)

**Attributes** Meta data objects to store extra information about Files, Groups and Datasets, see also [H5A](#)

**Value**

Object of class [H5File](#).

**Methods**

`new(filename = NULL, mode = c("a", "r", "r+", "w", "w-", "x"), file_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, file_`  
Opens or creates a new HDF5 File

**Parameters**

**filename** Name of the file

**mode** How to open it. `a` creates a new file or opens an existing one for read/write. `r` opens an existing file for reading, `r+` opens an existing file for read/write. `w` creates a file, truncating any existing ones and `w-/x` are synonyms, creating a file and failing if it already exists.

`get_obj_count(types = h5const$H5F_OBJ_ALL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_obj_count`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_OBJ\\_COUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_OBJ_COUNT) for details.

`get_obj_ids(types = h5const$H5F_OBJ_ALL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_obj_ids`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_OBJ\\_IDS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_OBJ_IDS) for details.

`get_filesize()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_filesize`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_FILESIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_FILESIZE) for details.

`file_info()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_info2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_INFO2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_INFO2) for details. Please note that the returned information differs if HDF5 Version 1.8.16 or HDF5 Version  $\geq$  1.10.0 is being used

`get_intent()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_intent`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_INTENT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_INTENT) for details.

`close_all(close_self = TRUE)` Closes the file, flushes it and also closes all open objects that are still open in it. This is the recommended way of closing any file. If not all objects in a file are closed, the file remains open and cannot be re-opened the regular way.

`print(..., max.attributes = 10, max.listing = 10)` Prints information for the file

#### Parameters

**max.attributes** Maximum number of attribute names to print

**max.listing** Maximum number of ls-items to print

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`open(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, dataset_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` Opens groups, datasets or types using the appropriate HDF5-API functions. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_OPEN) for datasets, [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN) for types and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN) for general objects.

`open_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`ls(recursive = FALSE, detailed = FALSE, index_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` Returns the contents of a file or group as a data.frame.

`exists(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_EXISTS) for details.

`path_valid(path, check_object_valid = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5LTpath_valid`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/HL/RM\\_H5LT.html#H5LTpath\\_valid](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/HL/RM_H5LT.html#H5LTpath_valid) for details.

`link(obj, new_link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Olink`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_LINK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_LINK) for details.

`obj_copy_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, object_copy_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ocopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_COPY) for details.

`obj_copy_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, object_copy_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ocopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_COPY) for details.



`obj_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`obj_info_by_name(object_name, remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`group_info()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO) for details.

`group_info_by_name(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`group_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`create_group(name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, group_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, group_a`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gcreate2` and `H5Gcreate_anon` (if name is NULL). Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_CREATE2) for regular groups and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_CREATE\\_ANON](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_CREATE_ANON) for anonymous groups for details.

`create_dataset(name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, dims = NULL, chunk_dims = "auto", gzip_level =`  
 This function is the main interface to create a new dataset. Its parameters allow for customization of the default behavior, i.e. in order to get a specific datatype, a certain chunk size or dataset dimensionality. Also note that this function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dcreate2` and `H5Dcreate_anon` (if name is NULL). Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_CREATE2) for regular groups and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_CREATE\\_ANON](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_CREATE_ANON) for anonymous groups for details.

#### Parameters

**name** The name of the new dataset. If missing, an anonymous dataset is created

**robj** An R-object to take as a template for creating the dataset. Either `robj` or both `dtype` and `space` have to be provided

**dtype** The datatype to use for the creation of the object. Can be null if `robj` is given.

**space** The space to use for the object creation. Can be null if `robj` is given. Otherwise an object of type `H5S` which specifies the dimensions of the dataset.

**dims** Dimension of the new dataset; used if `space` is NULL. overwrite the dimension guessed from `robj` if `robj` is given.

**chunk\_dims** Size of the chunk. Has to have the same length as the dataset dimension. If "auto" then the size of each chunk is estimated so that each chunk is roughly as large in bytes as the value in the `hdf5r.chunk_size` option. See also [guess\\_chunks](#) for a more detailed explanation. If set to NULL, then no chunking is used, unless explicitly set in `dataset_create_pl`.

**gzip\_level** Only if `chunk_dims` is not null. If given, then the `dataset_create_pl` is set to enable zipping at the level given here. If set to NULL, then `gzip` is not set (but could be set otherwise in `dataset_create_pl`)

**link\_create\_pl** Link creation property list. See [H5P\\_LINK\\_CREATE](#)

**dataset\_create\_pl** Dataset creation property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_CREATE](#)

**dataset\_access\_pl** Dataset access property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_ACCESS](#)

`commit(name, dtype, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_a`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tcommit2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_COMMIT2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_COMMIT2) for details.

`link_create_hard(obj_loc, obj_name, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_hard`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_HARD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_HARD) for details.

`link_create_soft(target_path, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_soft`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_SOFT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_SOFT) for details.

`link_create_external(target_filename, target_obj_name, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_external`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_EXTERNAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_EXTERNAL) for details.

`link_exists(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the

HDF5-API function `H5Lexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_EXISTS) for details.

`link_move_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5co`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lmove`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_MOVE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_MOVE) for details.

`link_move_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5cons`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lmove`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_MOVE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_MOVE) for details.

`link_copy_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5co`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_COPY) for details.

`link_copy_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5cons`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_COPY) for details.

`link_delete(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the

HDF5-API function `H5Ldelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_DELETE) for details.

`link_delete_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NAT`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ldelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_info(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-

API function `H5Lget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_INFO) for details.

`link_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NAT`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_value(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_val`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_VAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_VAL) for details.

`link_value_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_val_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_VAL\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_VAL_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_name_by_idx(n, group_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`mount(name, child)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fmount`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_MOUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_MOUNT) for details.

`unmount(name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Funmount`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_UNMOUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_UNMOUNT) for details.

`create_reference(name = ".", space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Rcreate`. If `space=NULL` then a `H5R_OBJECT` reference is created, otherwise a `H5R_DATASET_REGION` reference. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_CREATE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_CREATE) for details.

`obj_info(remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO) for details.

`get_obj_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_NAME) for details.

`create_attr(attr_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE2) for details.

`attr_open(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN) for details.

`create_attr_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_exists_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_exists(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS) for details.

`attr_rename_by_name(old_attr_name, new_attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_rename(old_attr_name, new_attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME) for details.

`attr_delete(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE) for details.

`attr_delete_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_delete_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_info_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_info_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_name_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_get_number()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_num_attrs`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM\\_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs) for details.

`flush(scope = h5const$H5F_SCOPE_GLOBAL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fflush`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_FLUSH](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_FLUSH) for details.

`get_filename()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_NAME) for details.

`names(link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` Returns the names of the items in the group or at the root of the file

#### Parameters

**link\_access\_pl** The link-access property list. See <https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/Link+Access+Properties> for more detail.

**Extract/List File Contents**

The following functions are defined to extract HDF5 file contents:

`list.groups` List HDF5 groups in file.

`list.datasets` List HDF5 datasets in file.

`names` List all items in a file or group (applicable for `H5File` and `H5Group`)

`list.attributes` List Attributes of HDF5 object (file, group or dataset).

`h5attr_names` Attribute names of an HDF5 object; similar to `list.attributes`

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**See Also**

`h5file`

**Examples**

```
# The following examples generates a HDF5 file with the different HDF5
# Objects and shows its contents:
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
file[["testdataset"]] <- 1:10
h5attr(file, "testattrib") <- LETTERS[1:10]
file$create_group("testgroup")
file[["testgroup/testdataset2"]] <- 1:10
# Show contents of file
file
# Close file and delete
file$close_all()
```

```
# The following example shows hdf5 file contents and how to use them to iterate over HDF5 elements:
file <- h5file(fname, mode = "a")
sapply(c("testgroup1", "testgroup2", "testgroup3"), file$create_group)
file[["testgroup1/testset1"]] <- 1:10
file[["testgroup2/testset2"]] <- 11:20
file[["testgroup3/testset3"]] <- 21:30
```

```
# Extract first 3 elements from each dataset and combine result to matrix
sapply(list.datasets(file, recursive = TRUE), function(x) file[[x]][1:3])
# Close file
file$close_all()
file.remove(fname)
```

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h5garbage\_collect      *Trigger the HDF5 garbage collection*

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**Description**

Trigger the HDF5 garbage collection

**Usage**

```
h5garbage_collect()
```

**Details**

This function triggers the HDF5 internal garbage collection. It is independent of the R garbage collection and currently has to be triggered by hand.

**Value**

Invisible NULL

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H5Group-class      *Class for representing HDF5 groups*

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**Description**

HDF5-Groups are essentially equivalent to directories in a file system. Inside the groups, other groups or datasets can be created. For the most parts, groups behave like files, so please also look at the documentation of H5File.

**Value**

Object of class [H5Group](#).

**Methods**

```
print(..., max.attributes = 10, max.listing = 10) Prints information for the group
```

**Parameters**

**max.attributes** Maximum number of attribute names to print

**max.listing** Maximum number of ls-items to print

... ignored

`open(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, dataset_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 Opens groups, datasets or types using the appropriate HDF5-API functions. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_OPEN) for datasets, [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN) for types and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN) for general objects.

`open_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`ls(recursive = FALSE, detailed = FALSE, index_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 Returns the contents of a file or group as a data.frame.

`exists(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_EXISTS) for details.

`path_valid(path, check_object_valid = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5LTpath_valid`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/HL/RM\\_H5LT.html#H5LTpath\\_valid](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/HL/RM_H5LT.html#H5LTpath_valid) for details.

`link(obj, new_link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Olink`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_LINK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_LINK) for details.

`obj_copy_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, object_copy_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ocopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_COPY) for details.

`obj_copy_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, object_copy_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ocopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_COPY) for details.

`obj_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`obj_info_by_name(object_name, remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`group_info()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO) for details.

`group_info_by_name(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`group_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`create_group(name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, group_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, group_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Gcreate2` and `H5Gcreate_anon` (if name is NULL). Please see the documentation at <https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/>



[H5G\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_CREATE_ANON) for regular groups and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G\\_CREATE\\_ANON](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5G_CREATE_ANON) for anonymous groups for details.

`create_dataset(name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, dims = NULL, chunk_dims = "auto", gzip_level =`

This function is the main interface to create a new dataset. Its parameters allow for customization of the default behavior, i.e. in order to get a specific datatype, a certain chunk size or dataset dimensionality. Also note that this function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Dcreate2` and `H5Dcreate_anon` (if name is NULL). Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_CREATE2) for regular groups and [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D\\_CREATE\\_ANON](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5D_CREATE_ANON) for anonymous groups for details.

#### Parameters

**name** The name of the new dataset. If missing, an anonymous dataset is created

**robj** An R-object to take as a template for creating the dataset. Either `robj` or both `dtype` and `space` have to be provided

**dtype** The datatype to use for the creation of the object. Can be null if `robj` is given.

**space** The space to use for the object creation. Can be null if `robj` is given. Otherwise an object of type `H5S` which specifies the dimensions of the dataset.

**dims** Dimension of the new dataset; used if `space` is NULL. overwrite the dimension guessed from `robj` if `robj` is given.

**chunk\_dims** Size of the chunk. Has to have the same length as the dataset dimension. If "auto" then the size of each chunk is estimated so that each chunk is roughly as large in bytes as the value in the `hdf5r.chunk_size` option. See also [guess\\_chunks](#) for a more detailed explanation. If set to NULL, then no chunking is used, unless explicitly set in `dataset_create_pl`.

**gzip\_level** Only if `chunk_dims` is not null. If given, then the `dataset_create_pl` is set to enable zipping at the level given here. If set to NULL, then `gzip` is not set (but could be set otherwise in `dataset_create_pl`)

**link\_create\_pl** Link creation property list. See [H5P\\_LINK\\_CREATE](#)

**dataset\_create\_pl** Dataset creation property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_CREATE](#)

**dataset\_access\_pl** Dataset access property list. See [H5P\\_DATASET\\_ACCESS](#)

`commit(name, dtype, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, type_ac`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tcommit2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_COMMIT2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_COMMIT2) for details.

`link_create_hard(obj_loc, obj_name, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_hard`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_HARD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_HARD) for details.

`link_create_soft(target_path, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_soft`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_SOFT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_SOFT) for details.

`link_create_external(target_filename, target_obj_name, link_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT`

This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcreate_external`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_CREATE\\_EXTERNAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_CREATE_EXTERNAL) for details.

`link_exists(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the

HDF5-API function `H5Lexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_EXISTS) for details.



`link_move_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lmove`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_MOVE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_MOVE) for details.

`link_move_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lmove`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_MOVE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_MOVE) for details.

`link_copy_from(src_loc, src_name, dst_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_COPY) for details.

`link_copy_to(dst_loc, dst_name, src_name, link_create_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_COPY) for details.

`link_delete(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ldelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_DELETE) for details.

`link_delete_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Ldelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_info(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_INFO) for details.

`link_info_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_value(name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_val`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_VAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_VAL) for details.

`link_value_by_idx(n, group_name = ".", index_field = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_val_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_VAL\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_VAL_BY_IDX) for details.

`link_name_by_idx(n, group_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Lget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5L_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`mount(name, child)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fmount`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_MOUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_MOUNT) for details.

`unmount(name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Funmount`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_UNMOUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_UNMOUNT) for details.

`create_reference(name = ".", space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Rcreate`. If `space=NULL` then a `H5R_OBJECT` reference is created, otherwise a `H5R_DATASET_REGION` reference. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_CREATE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_CREATE) for details.

`obj_info(remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO) for details.

`get_obj_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_NAME) for details.

`create_attr(attr_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE2) for details.

`attr_open(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN) for details.

`create_attr_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_exists_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_exists(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS) for details.

`attr_rename_by_name(old_attr_name, new_attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_rename(old_attr_name, new_attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME) for details.

`attr_delete(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE) for details.

`attr_delete_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_delete_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_info_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_info_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_name_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_get_number()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_num_attrs`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM\\_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs) for details.

`flush(scope = h5const$H5F_SCOPE_GLOBAL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fflush`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_FLUSH](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_FLUSH) for details.

`get_filename()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Fget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5F_GET_NAME) for details.

`names(link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` Returns the names of the items in the group or at the root of the file

#### Parameters

**link\_access\_pl** The link-access property list. See <https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/Link+Access+Properties> for more detail.

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#### Examples

```
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
group <- file$create_group("testgroup")
group$print()
group$close()
file$close_all()
```

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H5Group\_access

*Retrieve object from a group of file*

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#### Description

Retrieve object from a group of file

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'H5Group'
x[[name, ..., link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  dataset_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  type_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT]]

## S3 method for class 'H5File'
x[[name, ..., link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  dataset_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  type_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT]]

## S3 replacement method for class 'H5Group'
x[[name, ...]] <- value

## S3 replacement method for class 'H5File'
x[[name, ...]] <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <a href="#">H5File</a> or <a href="#">H5Group</a>
name	Name of the object to retrieve. Has to be a character vector of length one. No integer values allowed.
...	Currently ignored
link_access_pl	An object of class <a href="#">H5P_LINK_ACCESS</a> .
dataset_access_pl	An object of class <a href="#">H5P_DATASET_ACCESS</a> .
type_access_pl	Currently always <code>h5const\$H5P_DEFAULT</code>
value	What to assign. Has to be one of <a href="#">H5Group</a> , <a href="#">H5D</a> or <a href="#">H5T</a>

**Details**

Works similar to retrieving objects in a list. `x[["my_name"]]` retrieves object `my_name` from the HDF5-File or HDF5-Group `x`.

One can also assign objects under a not yet existing name. For either a [H5Group](#) or [H5D](#), a hard link is created. If it is a datatype, [H5T](#), this is committed under the chosen name `name`.

**Value**

A [H5Group](#), [H5D](#) or [H5T](#), depending on the object saved in the group under the requested name.

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H5P-class

*Class for HDF5 property lists.***Description**

This is the base class for all property lists, but most have a specialized class. It inherits all functions of the [H5RefClass](#). It is also the base class for many other classes, specifically

**Dataset Creation** [H5P\\_DATASET\\_CREATE](#)

**Dataset Access** [H5P\\_DATASET\\_ACCESS](#)

**Dataset Transfer** [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#)

**Link Creation** [H5P\\_LINK\\_CREATE](#)

**Link Access** [H5P\\_LINK\\_ACCESS](#)

**Object Creation** [H5P\\_OBJECT\\_CREATE](#)

**Object Copy** [H5P\\_OBJECT\\_COPY](#)

**Attribute Creation** [H5P\\_ATTRIBUTE\\_CREATE](#)

The base class is unlikely to be needed by users - they should use the appropriate subclass required.

**Value**

Object of class [H5P](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new property list; this function itself is unlikely to be needed by users. Users should use the classes of the type they actually require

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

`get_class()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_class`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CLASS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CLASS) for details.

`get_class_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_class_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CLASS\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CLASS_NAME) for details.

`copy()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_COPY) for details.

`equal(cmp)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pequal`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_EQUAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_EQUAL) for details.

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## Examples

```
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
file[["testdataset"]] <- 1:10
p <- file[["testdataset"]]$get_create_plist()
p$get_class()
p$get_class_name()
p$copy()
p$equal(p)
file$close_all()
```

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H5P\_ATTRIBUTE\_CREATE-class

*Class for HDF5 property list for attribute creation*

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## Description

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

## Value

Object of class [H5P\\_ATTRIBUTE\\_CREATE](#).

## Methods

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_ATTRIBUTE\\_CREATE](#)

### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

`set_char_encoding(encoding = h5const$H5T_CSET_UTF8)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_char_encoding`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CHAR\\_ENCODING](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CHAR_ENCODING) for details.

`get_char_encoding()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_char_encoding`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CHAR\\_ENCODING](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CHAR_ENCODING) for details.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_CLASS-class      *Class for HDF5 property list classes (not HDF5 property lists)*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5RefClass](#). The intent of this class is to provide a mechanism to compare the class of HDF5 property classes. This is mainly intended for internal use to get the class type of an HDF5 identifier that is known to be a property list, but not of which type.

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_CLASS](#).

**Methods**

`equal(cmp)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pequal`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_EQUAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_EQUAL) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_DATASET\_ACCESS-class  
*Class for HDF5 property list for dataset access*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_DATASET\\_ACCESS](#).

**Methods**

`set_chunk_cache(rdcc_nslots = -1, rdcc_nbytes = -1, rdcc_w0 = -1)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_chunk_cache`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CHUNK\\_CACHE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CHUNK_CACHE) for details.

`get_chunk_cache()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_chunk_cache`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CHUNK\\_CACHE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CHUNK_CACHE) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_DATASET\_CREATE-class

*Class for HDF5 property list for dataset creation*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_DATASET\\_CREATE](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_DATASET\\_CREATE](#)

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

`set_layout(layout = h5const$H5D_CHUNKED)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_layout`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_LAYOUT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_LAYOUT) for details.

`get_layout()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_layout`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_LAYOUT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_LAYOUT) for details.

`set_chunk(chunk)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_chunk`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CHUNK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CHUNK) for details.

`get_chunk(max_ndims)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_chunk`. If the layout is not chunked, returns NA. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CHUNK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CHUNK) for details.

`set_deflate(level)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_deflate`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_DEFLATE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_DEFLATE) for details.

`set_fill_value(dtype, value)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_fill_value`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_FILL\\_VALUE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_FILL_VALUE) for details.

`get_fill_value(dtype)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_fill_value`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_FILL\\_VALUE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_FILL_VALUE) for details.



`set_fill_time(fill_time = h5const$H5D_FILL_TIME_IFSET)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_fill_time`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_FILL\\_TIME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_FILL_TIME) for details.

`get_fill_time()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_fill_time`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_FILL\\_TIME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_FILL_TIME) for details.

`set_alloc_time(alloc_time = h5const$H5D_ALLOC_TIME_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_alloc_time`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ALLOC\\_TIME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ALLOC_TIME) for details.

`get_alloc_time()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_alloc_time`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ALLOC\\_TIME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ALLOC_TIME) for details.

`set_filter(filter = h5const$H5Z_FILTER_DEFLATE, flags = h5const$H5Z_FLAG_OPTIONAL, cd_values = integer())` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_filter`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_FILTER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_FILTER) for details.

`all_filters_avail()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pall_filters_avail`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_ALL\\_FILTERS\\_AVAIL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_ALL_FILTERS_AVAIL) for details.

`get_nfilters()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_nfilters`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_NFILTERS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_NFILTERS) for details.

`get_filter(idx)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_filter2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_FILTER2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_FILTER2) for details.

`modify_filter(filter = h5const$H5Z_FILTER_DEFLATE, flags = h5const$H5Z_FLAG_OPTIONAL, cd_values = integer())` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pmodify_filter`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_MODIFY\\_FILTER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_MODIFY_FILTER) for details.

`remove_filter(filter = h5const$H5Z_FILTER_ALL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Premove_filter`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_REMOVE\\_FILTER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_REMOVE_FILTER) for details.

`set_fletcher32()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_fletcher32`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_FLETCHER32](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_FLETCHER32) for details.

`set_nbit()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_nbit`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_NBIT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_NBIT) for details.

`set_scaleoffset(scale_type = h5const$H5Z_S0_FLOAT_DSCALE, scale_factor = 0)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_scaleoffset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_SCALEOFFSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SCALEOFFSET) for details.

`set_shuffle()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_shuffle`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_SHUFFLE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SHUFFLE) for details.

`set_szip()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_szip`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_SZIP](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SZIP) for details.

set\_external(filename, offset, size) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_external. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_EXTERNAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_EXTERNAL) for details.

get\_external\_count() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_external\_count. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_EXTERNAL\\_COUNT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_EXTERNAL_COUNT) for details.

get\_external(idx) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_external. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_EXTERNAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_EXTERNAL) for details.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_DATASET\_XFER-class

*Class for HDF5 property list for dataset transfer*

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### Description

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

### Value

Object of class [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#).

### Methods

new(id = NULL) Create a new class of type [H5P\\_DATASET\\_XFER](#)

#### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

set\_buffer(size = 2^20) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_buffer. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_BUFFER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_BUFFER) for details.

set\_edc\_check(check = h5const\$H5Z\_ENABLE\_EDC) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_edc\_check. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_EDC\\_CHECK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_EDC_CHECK) for details.

get\_edc\_check() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_edc\_check. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_EDC\\_CHECK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_EDC_CHECK) for details.

`set_hyper_vector_size(size = 2^10)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_hyper_vector_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_HYPER\\_VECTOR\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_HYPER_VECTOR_SIZE) for details.

`get_hyper_vector_size()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_hyper_vector_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_HYPER\\_VECTOR\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_HYPER_VECTOR_SIZE) for details.

`set_btree_ratios(left, middle, right)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_btree_ratios`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_BTREE\\_RATIOS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_BTREE_RATIOS) for details.

`get_btree_ratios()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_btree_ratios`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_BTREE\\_RATIOS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_BTREE_RATIOS) for details.

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_FILE\_ACCESS-class *Class for HDF5 property list for file creation*

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### Description

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

### Value

Object of class [H5P\\_FILE\\_ACCESS](#).

### Methods

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_FILE\\_ACCESS](#)

#### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

`set_cache(rdcc_nslots = 521, rdcc_nbytes = 2^20, rdcc_w0 = 0.75)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_cache`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CACHE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CACHE) for details.

`get_cache()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_cache`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/HP5\\_GET\\_CACHE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/HP5_GET_CACHE) for details.

### Author(s)

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**See Also**[H5P](#)


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H5P\_FILE\_CREATE-class *Class for HDF5 property list for file creation*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_FILE\\_CREATE](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_FILE\\_CREATE](#)

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

`set_userblock(size)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_userblock`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_USERBLOCK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_USERBLOCK) for details.

`get_userblock()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_userblock`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_USERBLOCK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_USERBLOCK) for details.

`set_sizes(sizeof_addr, sizeof_size)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_sizes`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_SIZES](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SIZES) for details.

`get_sizes()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_sizes`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_SIZES](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_SIZES) for details.

`set_sym_k(ik, lk)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_sym_k`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_SYM\\_K](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_SYM_K) for details.

`get_sym_k()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_sym_k`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_SYM\\_K](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_SYM_K) for details.

`set_istore_k(ik)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_istore_k`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ISTORE\\_K](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ISTORE_K) for details.

`get_istore_k()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_istore_k`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ISTORE\\_K](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ISTORE_K) for details.

set\_file\_space(strategy, threshold) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_file\_space. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_FILE\\_SPACE\\_STRATEGY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_FILE_SPACE_STRATEGY) for details.

get\_file\_space() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_file\_space. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_FILE\\_SPACE\\_STRATEGY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_FILE_SPACE_STRATEGY) for details.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_LINK\_ACCESS-class *Class for HDF5 property list for link access*

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### Description

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

### Value

Object of class [H5P\\_LINK\\_ACCESS](#).

### Methods

new(id = NULL) Create a new class of type [H5P\\_LINK\\_ACCESS](#)

#### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

set\_nlinks(nlinks) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_nlinks. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_NLINKS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_NLINKS) for details.

get\_nlinks() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_nlinks. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_NLINKS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_NLINKS) for details.

set\_elink\_prefix(elink\_prefix) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_elink\_prefix. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ELINK\\_PREFIX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ELINK_PREFIX) for details.

get\_elink\_prefix() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pget\_elink\_prefix. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ELINK\\_PREFIX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ELINK_PREFIX) for details.

set\_elink\_acc\_flags(elink\_acc\_flags = h5const\$H5F\_ACC\_RDWR) This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Pset\_elink\_acc\_flags. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ELINK\\_ACC\\_FLAGS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ELINK_ACC_FLAGS) for details.

`get_elink_acc_flags()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_elink_acc_flags`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ELINK\\_ACC\\_FLAGS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ELINK_ACC_FLAGS) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[H5P](#)

H5P\_LINK\_CREATE-class *Class for HDF5 property list for link creation*

**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_LINK\\_CREATE](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_LINK\\_CREATE](#)

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

`set_char_encoding(encoding = h5const$H5T_CSET_UTF8)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_char_encoding`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CHAR\\_ENCODING](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CHAR_ENCODING) for details.

`get_char_encoding()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_char_encoding`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CHAR\\_ENCODING](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CHAR_ENCODING) for details.

`set_create_intermediate_group(create = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_create_intermediate_group`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_CREATE\\_INTERMEDIATE\\_GROUP](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_CREATE_INTERMEDIATE_GROUP) for details.

`get_create_intermediate_group()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_create_intermediate_group`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_CREATE\\_INTERMEDIATE\\_GROUP](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_CREATE_INTERMEDIATE_GROUP) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_OBJECT\_COPY-class *Class for HDF5 property list for object copying*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_OBJECT\\_COPY](#).

**Methods**

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type [H5P\\_OBJECT\\_COPY](#)

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

`set_copy_obj(copy_options = 0)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_copy_object`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_COPY\\_OBJECT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_COPY_OBJECT) for details.

`get_copy_obj()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_copy_object`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_COPY\\_OBJECT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_COPY_OBJECT) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[H5P](#)

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H5P\_OBJECT\_CREATE-class  
*Class for HDF5 property list for object creation*

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**Description**

It inherits all functions of the [H5P](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5P\\_OBJECT\\_CREATE](#).

## Methods

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new class of type `H5P_OBJECT_CREATE`

### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

`set_obj_track_times(track_times = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_obj_track_times`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_OBJ\\_TRACK\\_TIMES](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_OBJ_TRACK_TIMES) for details.

`get_obj_track_times()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_obj_track_times`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_OBJ\\_TRACK\\_TIMES](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_OBJ_TRACK_TIMES) for details.

`set_attr_phase_change(max_compact, min_dense)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_attr_phase_change`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ATTR\\_PHASE\\_CHANGE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ATTR_PHASE_CHANGE) for details.

`get_attr_phase_change()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_attr_phase_change`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ATTR\\_PHASE\\_CHANGE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ATTR_PHASE_CHANGE) for details.

`set_attr_creation_order crt_order_flags = 0)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pset_attr_creation_order`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_SET\\_ATTR\\_CREATION\\_ORDER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_SET_ATTR_CREATION_ORDER) for details.

`get_attr_creation_order()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Pget_attr_creation_order`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P\\_GET\\_ATTR\\_CREATION\\_ORDER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5P_GET_ATTR_CREATION_ORDER) for details.

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## See Also

[H5P](#)

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H5R-class

*Class for HDF5 Reference datatypes.*

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## Description

H5R is only the common base class and is never used. User should not create objects of this class by themselves and instead use the `create_reference` methods of `H5D`, `H5Group` or `H5File` classes. Sub-classes are [H5R\\_OBJECT](#) and [H5R\\_DATASET\\_REGION](#)

## Value

Object of class [H5R](#).



**Methods**

`subset_read(dim_index, drop = TRUE)` Method that returns a subset of the data in the H5R-object

**Parameters**

**dim\_index** A list of dimension indices as usually passed into [

**drop** Logical. Should dimensions of size 1 be dropped.

`subset2_read(i, exact = TRUE)` Method to read a single item

**Parameters**

**i** The single item to read

**exact** Is the item name exact or should partial matching be allowed?

`subset_assign(dim_index, value)` Assign values into a subset of the H5R-vector

**Parameters**

**dim\_index** A list of dimension indices as usually passed into [

**value** The value to assign

`subset2_assign(i, exact = TRUE, value)` Assign a value to a single value in the array

**Parameters**

**i** the index where to assign the value

**value** The value to assign

`t()` Transpose the object if it is a matrix (i.e. has rank 2

`length()` Get the length of the object

`ref(ref)` Get or assign the internal raw-vector representation of the data. Usually, user's shouldn't have to use this.

`dim(x)` Get or assign the dimensionality of the object

`dimnames(x)` Get or assign the dimnames of the object

`names(x)` Get or assign the names of the object

`rank()` Get the rank of the object

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
file[["testset"]] <- matrix(rnorm(9), nrow = 3)
dset <- file[["testset"]]
r <- file$create_reference("testset")
file$close_all()
```

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H5RefClass-class	<i>Base class that tracks the ids and allows for closing an id</i>
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### Description

This class is not intended for creating objects, but as a base class for all other H5-derived classes to provide common functionality for id tracking

### Value

Object of reference class [H5RefClass](#).

### Fields

`id` Returns the id of the object as an integer

### Methods

`new(id = NULL)` Constructor for the basic class for hdf5 objects. Takes an id and stores it appropriately, including the necessary counting of object references that the package implements. This reference counting is included in addition to R's internal method in order to allow for the invalidation of objects in R itself when all open handles in an R-file are being closed.

`close()` Closes an object and calls the appropriate HDF5 function for the type of object

`print(...)` Prints the class of the object and the id

`methods()` Prints available methods on the screen

`get_file_id()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_file_id`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_FILE\\_ID](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_FILE_ID) for details.

`get_obj_type()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_TYPE) for details.

`get_ref()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_ref`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_REF](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_REF) for details.

`inc_ref()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iinc_ref`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_INC\\_REF](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_INC_REF) for details.

`dec_ref()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Idec_ref`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_DEC\\_REF](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_DEC_REF) for details.

`id()` Returns the id of the object

`is_valid()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iis_valid`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_IS\\_VALID](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_IS_VALID) for details. Additionally, the R-object representing the HDF5-id can be invalidated as well. In this case, the class id is set to NA and `is_valid` returns FALSE.

`message()` Legacy function; currently not used; may be removed

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H5R\_DATASET\_REGION-class

*Class for HDF5 dataset-region references.*

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**Description**

H5R\_DATASET\_REGION is the reference class for dataset regions. Users should not create this class by themselves, but use the appropriate and instead use the create\_reference methods of H5D, H5Group or H5File classes.

**Value**

Object of class [H5R\\_DATASET\\_REGION](#).

**Methods**

`new(num = 0, id = NULL)` Create a new reference for dataset regions; Usually, users shouldn't have to call this, but use the create\_reference method of a dataset.

`dereference(object_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, obj = NULL, get_value = FALSE)` Dereference an H5R reference for a dataset region. The file the reference is pointing to is assigned automatically. It returns a list where each item is a list with components dataset, being an H5D object and space being a H5S object. When setting get\_value=TRUE, then instead of these objects The data itself is returned This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Rdereference. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_DEREFERENCE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_DEREFERENCE) for details.

**Parameters**

**obj** Overriding the default file the reference is referring to

**object\_access\_pl** The object-access property list. Currently always the default

**Author(s)**

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H5R\_functions

*Various functions for H5R objects*

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### **Description**

Various functions for H5R objects

### **Usage**

```
is.H5R(x)
```

```
is.H5R_OBJECT(x)
```

```
is.H5R_DATASET_REGION(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
names(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
length(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
```

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'H5R'  
x[i, ...] <- value
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
c(..., recursive = FALSE)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
dim(x)
```

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'H5R'  
dim(x) <- value
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
t(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
dimnames(x)
```

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'H5R'  
dimnames(x) <- value
```

```
## S3 method for class 'H5R'  
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1)
```

```

## S3 method for class 'H5R'
rbind(..., deparse.level = 1)

## S3 method for class 'H5R'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'H5R'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'H5R'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...,
  nm = paste(deparse(substitute(x), width.cutoff = 500L), collapse =
    " "))

## S3 method for class 'H5R'
as.vector(x, mode = "any")

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Object of type H5R
<code>i</code>	First dimension
<code>j</code>	Second dimension
<code>...</code>	Any other dimensions (for subsetting), or objects to concatenate (for <code>c</code> ) or combine by row/col (for <code>cbind</code> or <code>rbind</code> ) or ignored (for <code>print</code> and <code>format</code> )
<code>drop</code>	Should dimensions of size 1 be dropped; LOGICAL
<code>value</code>	The value in an assignment
<code>recursive</code>	Ignored here
<code>deparse.level</code>	integer controlling the construction of labels in the case of non-matrix-like arguments (for the default method): <code>'deparse.level = 0'</code> constructs no labels; the default, <code>'deparse.level = 1'</code> constructs labels from the argument names
<code>row.names</code>	NULL or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.
<code>optional</code>	logical. If TRUE, setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see <code>make.names</code> ) is optional.
<code>nm</code>	The column names to use
<code>mode</code>	Only <code>'any'</code> supported
<code>width.cutoff</code>	ignored
<code>collapse</code>	ignored

### Details

**is.H5R** Check if object inherits from H5R

**is.H5R\_OBJECT** Check if object inherits from H5R\_OBJECT

**is.H5R\_DATASET\_REGION** Check if object inherits from H5R\_DATASET\_REGION

**names.H5R** Returns the names of the elements of the vector

**length.H5R** Returns the length of the vector

**[.H5R** Array subsetting function

**[<-.H5R** Array subset assignment

**c.H5R** Concatenation of H5R vectors

**dim.H5R** Dimensionality of the object

**dim<-.H5R** Assign dimension of the object

**t.H5R** Transpose a matrix of H5R objects

**dimnames.H5R** Get the dimnames of the object

**dimnames<-.H5R** Set the dimnames of the object

**cbind.H5R** cbind functionality for H5R objects

**rbind.H5R** rbind functionality for H5R objects

**print.H5R** Printing of an object of class h5R

**format.H5R** Formatting of an H5R object

**as.data.frame.H5R** Coerce an H5R object to a data.frame

**as.vector.H5R** Coerce to a vector

**as.data.frame.H5R** Coerces the object to a data.frame

**as.vector.H5R** Coerces to a vector

**Value**

Depending on the function

**Author(s)**

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H5R\_OBJECT-class

*Class for HDF5 Object-references.*

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**Description**

H5R\_OBJECT is the reference class for objects. Users should not create this class by themselves, but use the appropriate and instead use the create\_reference methods of H5D, H5Group or H5File classes.

**Value**

Object of class [H5R\\_OBJECT](#).

**Methods**

`new(num = 0, id = NULL)` Create a new reference for object; Usually, users shouldn't have to call this, but use the `create_reference` method of a dataset, group of committed datatype

`dereference(object_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT, obj = NULL)` Dereference an H5R reference. The file the reference is pointing to is assigned automatically This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Rdereference`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_DEREFERENCE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_DEREFERENCE) for details.

**Parameters**

**obj** Overriding the default file the reference is referring to

**object\_access\_pl** The object-access property list. Currently always the default

**Author(s)**

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H5S-class

*Class for representing HDF5 spaces*

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**Description**

This class represents Spaces in HDF5. These are mostly useful to define the dimensions of a dataset as well as the maximum dimensions to which it can grow. By default, the maximum dimension is equal to the initial dimension. If you want the array to be able to grow arbitrarily large in one dimension, set the maximum dimension for this index to `Inf`. See the examples below for code how to do this.

**Value**

Object of class `H5S`.

**Methods**

`new(type = c("simple", "scalar", "null"), dims = NULL, maxdims = dims, decode_buf = NULL, id = NULL)`  
Create a new HDF5-space. This can be done by either specifying a space with appropriate dimensions or by decoding a character string that represents an encoded space

**Parameters**

**type** Either a simple space, for which `dims` and `maxdims` have to be given or a scalar or null space. See the HDF5 user guide on spaces to explain the differences.

**dims** The dimension of the space in case it is of type `simple`

**maxdims** The maximal dimensions of the space

**decode\_buf** The character string that holds the encoded representation of a space

**id** An existing HDF5 id; internal use only

`copy()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Scopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_COPY) for details.

- `encode()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sencode`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_ENCODE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_ENCODE) for details.
- `is_simple()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sis_simple`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_IS\\_SIMPLE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_IS_SIMPLE) for details.
- `get_simple_extent_ndims()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_simple_extent_ndims`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SIMPLE\\_EXTENT\\_NDIMS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SIMPLE_EXTENT_NDIMS) for details.
- `offset_simple(offset)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Soffset_simple`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_OFFSET\\_SIMPLE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_OFFSET_SIMPLE) for details.
- `get_simple_extent_dims()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_simple_extent_dims`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SIMPLE\\_EXTENT\\_DIMS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SIMPLE_EXTENT_DIMS) for details.
- `get_simple_extent_npoints()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_simple_extent_npoints`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SIMPLE\\_EXTENT\\_NPOINTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SIMPLE_EXTENT_NPOINTS) for details.
- `get_simple_extent_type()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_simple_extent_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SIMPLE\\_EXTENT\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SIMPLE_EXTENT_TYPE) for details.
- `extent_copy(h5s_source)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sextent_copy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_EXTENT\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_EXTENT_COPY) for details.
- `extent_equal(h5s_cmp)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sextent_equal`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_EXTENT\\_EQUAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_EXTENT_EQUAL) for details.
- `set_extent_simple(dims, maxdims)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sset_extent_simple`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SET\\_EXTENT\\_SIMPLE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SET_EXTENT_SIMPLE) for details.
- `set_extent_none()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sset_extent_none`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SET\\_EXTENT\\_NONE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SET_EXTENT_NONE) for details.
- `get_select_type()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_TYPE) for details.
- `get_select_npoints()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_npoints`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_NPOINTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_NPOINTS) for details.
- `get_select_hyper_nblocks()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_hyper_nblocks`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_HYPER\\_NBLOCKS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_HYPER_NBLOCKS) for details.
- `get_select_hyper_blocklist(startblock = 0, numblocks = (self$get_select_hyper_nblocks() - startblock))`  
This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_hyper_blocklist`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_HYPER\\_BLOCKLIST](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_HYPER_BLOCKLIST) for details.



`get_select_elem_npoints()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_elem_npoints`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_ELEM\\_NPOINTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_ELEM_NPOINTS) for details.

`get_select_elem_pointlist(startpoint = 0, numpoints = (self$get_select_elem_npoints() - startpoint))` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_elem_pointlist`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_ELEM\\_POINTLIST](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_ELEM_POINTLIST) for details.

`get_select_bounds()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_select_bounds`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SELECT\\_BOUNDS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SELECT_BOUNDS) for details.

`select_all()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sselect_all`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SELECT\\_ALL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_ALL) for details.

`select_none()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sselect_none`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SELECT\\_NONE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_NONE) for details.

`select_valid()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sselect_valid`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SELECT\\_VALID](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_VALID) for details.

`select_elements(coord, op = h5const$H5S_SELECT_SET, byrow = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sselect_elements`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SELECT\\_ELEMENTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_ELEMENTS) for details.

`select_hyperslab(start, count, stride = NULL, block = NULL, op = h5const$H5S_SELECT_SET)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sselect_hyperslab`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_SELECT\\_HYPERSLAB](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_HYPERSLAB) for details.

`subset(args, op = h5const$H5S_SELECT_SET, envir = parent.frame())` Subsetting the space. This is mainly intended as a helper function for the `'[` function, but can also be used on its own.

**Parameters**

- args** The indices for each dimension to subset given as a list. This makes this easier to use as a programmatic API. For interactive use we recommend the use of the `[` operator.
- op** The operator to use. Same as for the other HDF5 space selection functions. One of the elements shown in `h5const$H5S_seloper_t`
- envir** The environment in which to evaluate `args`

`print(...)` Prints information for the group

**Parameters**

- `...` ignored

`dims()` Get the dimensions of the space. Return `NULL` if the space is not simple (i.e. `NULL`-space) or a length-0 integer if it is a scalar

`maxdims()` Get the maximal dimensions of the space. Return `NULL` if the space is not simple (i.e. `NULL`-space) or a length-0 integer if it is a scalar

`rank()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Sget_simple_extent_ndims`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S\\_GET\\_SIMPLE\\_EXTENT\\_NDIMS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_GET_SIMPLE_EXTENT_NDIMS) for details.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```

h5s_fixed <- H5S$new("simple", dims=c(5, 2))
h5s_fixed

h5s_variable <- H5S$new("simple", dims=c(5,2), maxdims=c(Inf,2))
h5s_variable
h5s_variable$set_extent_simple(c(10,2), c(Inf, 2))
h5s_variable

# now select a subset of points
# argument evaluation has a heuristic; here it chooses point selection
h5s_variable[c(1, 3, 8), 1]
h5s_variable$get_select_type()
h5s_variable$get_select_elem_pointlist()

# and a hyperslab (chosen by the argument heuristic)
h5s_variable[2:7, 1:2]
h5s_variable$get_select_type()
h5s_variable$get_select_hyper_blocklist()

```

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H5S\_H5D\_subset\_assign *Selecting and assigning subsets of HDF5-Spaces and HDF5-Datasets*

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**Description**

Selecting and assigning subsets of HDF5-Spaces and HDF5-Datasets

**Usage**

```

subset_h5.H5S(x, d1, ..., op = h5const$H5S_SELECT_SET,
  envir = parent.frame())

## S3 method for class 'H5S'
x[d1, ..., op = h5const$H5S_SELECT_SET,
  envir = parent.frame()]

subset_h5.H5D(x, d1, ..., dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  flags = getOption("hdf5r.h5tor_default"), drop = TRUE,
  envir = parent.frame())

## S3 method for class 'H5D'
x[d1, ..., dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  flags = getOption("hdf5r.h5tor_default"), drop = TRUE,
  envir = parent.frame()]

```

```
subset_assign_h5.H5D(x, d1, ..., dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  envir = parent.frame(), value)

## S3 replacement method for class 'H5D'
x[d1, ..., dataset_xfer_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT,
  envir = parent.frame()] <- value
```

## Arguments

x	The <a href="#">H5S</a> or <a href="#">H5D</a> to subset or assign values to
d1	First dimension of the object
...	Used for other dimension of the object
op	Operation to perform on the <a href="#">H5S</a> . Look into the HDF5 online help <a href="https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_ELEMENTS">https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_ELEMENTS</a> and <a href="https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_HYPERSLAB">https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5S_SELECT_HYPERSLAB</a>
envir	The environment in which the dimension indices d1, ... are to be evaluated. Usually the environment from where the function is called
dataset_xfer_pl	An object of class <a href="#">H5P_DATASET_XFER</a> .
flags	Some flags governing edge cases of conversion from HDF5 to R. This is related to how integers are being treated and the issue of R not being able to natively represent 64bit integers and not at all being able to represent unsigned 64bit integers (even using add-on packages). The constants governing this are part of <a href="#">h5const</a> . The relevant ones start with the term H5TOR and are documented there. The default set here returns a regular 32bit integer if it doesn't lead to an overflow and returns a 64bit integer from the <a href="#">bit64</a> package otherwise. For 64bit unsigned int that are larger than 64bit signed int, it return a double. This loses precision, however. See also documentation or <a href="#">h5const</a> .
drop	Logical. When reading data, should dimensions of size 1 be dropped.
value	The value to assign to the dataset

## Details

Used for subsetting HDF5-Datasets or HDF5-Spaces or for assigning data into HDF5-Datasets. There are some differences to consider with R itself.

Most importantly HDF5-COMPOUND objects only have a single dimension internally to HDF5 (a vector), but they correspond to R-data.frames, which are 2 dimensional. For an HDF5 COMPOUND object, it is currently not possible to only sub-select a specific column. All columns have to be extracted (using 1-dimensional access with `[]` and can then be subset in R itself. The same is true for writing a COMPOUND object ([H5T\\_COMPOUND](#)). A complete data-frame is needed, not just a subset of the columns.

Another important differences is for datasets of HDF5-ARRAY type [H5T\\_ARRAY](#) where the access to the object is only for the dimension of the object itself, not including the dimensions of the underlying array type.

**Value**

For `x` being a [H5S](#), the same object is returned, but with the selection set as requested. For [H5D](#) it retrieves the subset of data requested or sets the subset of data assigned, as for any n-dimensional array in R.

**Author(s)**

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H5T-class

*Class for HDF5 datatypes.*

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**Description**

This is the base class for all datatypes, but most have a specialised class. This class represents an HDF5 datatype. It inherits all functions of the [H5RefClass](#). It is also the base class for many other classes well, specifically

**Integer** [H5T\\_INTEGER](#)

**Bitfield** [H5T\\_BITFIELD](#) (currently identical to the integer class)

**Float** [H5T\\_FLOAT](#)

**Enum** [H5T\\_ENUM](#)

**Compound** [H5T\\_COMPOUND](#)

**String** [H5T\\_STRING](#)

**Complex** [H5T\\_COMPLEX](#)

**Array** [H5T\\_ARRAY](#)

**Variable Length** [H5T\\_VLEN](#)

**Value**

Object of class [H5T](#).

**Methods**

`new(id)` Internal use only

`get_class()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_class`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_CLASS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_CLASS) for details.

`get_size(...)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_SIZE) for details.

**Parameters**

... ignored

- `set_size(size)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_size`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_SIZE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_SIZE) for details.
- `set_precision(precision)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_precision`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_PRECISION](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_PRECISION) for details.
- `get_precision()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_precision`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_PRECISION](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_PRECISION) for details.
- `set_order(order)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_order`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_ORDER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_ORDER) for details.
- `get_order()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_order`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_ORDER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_ORDER) for details.
- `set_offset(offset)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_offset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_OFFSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_OFFSET) for details.
- `get_offset()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_offset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_OFFSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_OFFSET) for details.
- `set_pad(pad)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_pad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_PAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_PAD) for details.
- `get_pad()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_pad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_PAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_PAD) for details.
- `copy()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tcopy`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_COPY](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_COPY) for details.
- `is_committed()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tcommitted`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_COMMITTED](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_COMMITTED) for details.
- `equal(dtype)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tequal`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_EQUAL](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_EQUAL) for details.
- `is_vlen()` This function detects if the underlying type is `H5T_VLEN` or a variable length string. This is used to know if after reading a dataset, memory has to be freed
- `detect_class(dtype_class)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tdetect_class`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_DETECT\\_CLASS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_DETECT_CLASS) for details.
- `get_native_type(direction = h5const$H5T_DIR_ASCEND)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_native_type`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_NATIVE\\_TYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_NATIVE_TYPE) for details.
- `get_create_plist()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_create_plist`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_CREATE\\_PLIST](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_CREATE_PLIST) for details.
- `to_text(lang_type = h5const$H5LT_DDL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5LTdtype_to_text`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5LT\\_DTYPE\\_TO\\_TEXT](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5LT_DTYPE_TO_TEXT) for details.

`print(...)` Prints information for the group

**Parameters**

... ignored

`obj_info(remove_internal_use_only = TRUE)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Oget_info`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O\\_GET\\_INFO](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5O_GET_INFO) for details.

`get_obj_name()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Iget_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I\\_GET\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5I_GET_NAME) for details.

`create_attr(attr_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE2) for details.

`attr_open(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN) for details.

`create_attr_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, robj = NULL, dtype = NULL, space = NULL, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Acreate_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_CREATE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_CREATE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_open_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aopen_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_OPEN\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_OPEN_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_exists_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_exists(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aexists`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_EXISTS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_EXISTS) for details.

`attr_rename_by_name(old_attr_name, new_attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_rename(old_attr_name, new_attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Arename`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_RENAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_RENAME) for details.

`attr_delete(attr_name)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE) for details.

`attr_delete_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_delete_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Adelete_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_DELETE\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_DELETE_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_info_by_name(attr_name, obj_name, link_access_pl = h5const$H5P_DEFAULT)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_name`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_NAME](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_NAME) for details.

`attr_info_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_info_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_INFO\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_INFO_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_name_by_idx(n, obj_name, idx_type = h5const$H5_INDEX_NAME, order = h5const$H5_ITER_NATIVE, link_ac`  
 This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_name_by_idx`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A\\_GET\\_NAME\\_BY\\_IDX](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5A_GET_NAME_BY_IDX) for details.

`attr_get_number()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Aget_num_attrs`. Please see the documentation at [https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM\\_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs](https://support.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/doc/RM/RM_H5A.html#Annot-NumAttrs) for details.

`create_reference(name = ".", space = NULL)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Rcreate`. If `space=NULL` then a `H5R_OBJECT` reference is created, otherwise a `H5R_DATASET_REGION` reference Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R\\_CREATE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5R_CREATE) for details.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
my_int <- h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT
my_int$to_text()
my_int$get_size()

# Show how to commit a datatype
fname <- tempfile(fileext = ".h5")
file <- H5File$new(fname, mode = "a")
my_int$is_committed()
file$commit("my_int", my_int)
my_int$is_committed()

# can now also add attributes
h5attr(my_int, "test") <- "A string"
h5attributes(my_int)

file$close_all()
file.remove(fname)
```

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h5types

*These are all types that are used in HDF5*


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### Description

HDF5 provides many native datatypes. These are all stored in the h5types environment. An overview of all available types can be seen using h5types\$overview. Any specific type can be accessed using the \$-operator. See also the examples below.

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### Examples

```
h5types$overview
h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT
h5types$H5T_NATIVE_DOUBLE
```

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H5T\_ARRAY-class

*Class for HDF5 array datatypes.*


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### Description

Inherits from class [H5T](#). This class represents an array. As datasets in HDF5 are itself already arrays, this datatype is not needed there. It is mostly useful when a column in a H5T\_COMPUND object is intended to be an array. This however makes it difficult to work with such objects in R - as a column of the corresponding data.frame has to be an array. So please use with care.

### Value

Object of class [H5T\\_ARRAY](#).

### Methods

new(dims, dtype\_base, id = NULL) Create an array datatype.

#### Parameters

**dims** The dimension of the datatype

**dtype\_base** The datatype that makes up the elements of the array

**id** internal use only

get\_array\_ndims() This function implements the HDF5-API function H5Tget\_array\_ndims. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_ARRAY\\_NDIM](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_ARRAY_NDIM) for details.



`get_array_dims()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_array_dims2`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_ARRAY\\_DIMS2](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_ARRAY_DIMS2) for details.

`get_super()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_super`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_SUPER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_SUPER) for details.

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5T](#)

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H5T\_COMPLEX-class      *Class for HDF5 complex datatypes*

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### Description

In HDF5, complex numbers don't actually exist. They are represented as `H5T_COMPOUND` with two columns named `Real` and `Imaginary`. Inherits from class [H5T\\_COMPOUND](#).

### Value

Object of class [H5T\\_COMPLEX](#).

### Methods

`new(id = NULL)` Create a new complex datatype

#### Parameters

**id** Internal use only

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5T](#), [H5T\\_COMPOUND](#)

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H5T\_COMPOUND-class      *Class for HDF5 compound datatypes.*

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### Description

Inherits from class [H5T](#).

### Value

Object of class [H5T\\_COMPOUND](#).

### Methods

`new(labels, dtypes, size = NULL, offset = NULL, id = NULL)` Create a compound type that is the HDF5 equivalent of a table

#### Parameters

**labels** The labels of the columns of the compound object

**dtypes** The datatypes of the columns of the object; this is usually a list of objects of class [H5T](#)

**size** The size of each datatype; if NULL, automatically inferred

**offset** The offset where each datatype starts; can be different from the sum of the individual sizes so that datatypes are aligned with memory addresses. If NULL, inferred automatically

**id** Internal use only

`pack()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tpack`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_PACK](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_PACK) for details.

`get_cpd_dtypes()` Return [H5T](#) objects that represent the datatypes of the columns of the compound object. Returned as a list if more than 1

`get_cpd_labels()` Return the labels of the columns as a character vector

`get_cpd_classes()` Return the classes of the columns as an object of type [factor\\_ext](#)

`get_cpd_offsets()` Return the offsets of the datatypes

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5T](#)

### Examples

```
# create a H5T_COMPOUND corresponding to a data-frame
my_cpd <- H5T_COMPOUND$new(c("name", "age", "salary"),
  dtypes=list(H5T_STRING$new(size=200), h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT, h5types$H5T_NATIVE_DOUBLE))
my_cpd
```

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H5T_ENUM-class	<i>Class for HDF5 enumeration datatypes.</i>
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**Description**

Inherits from class [H5T](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5T\\_ENUM](#).

**Methods**

`new(labels, values = seq_along(labels), id = NULL)` Create an enumeration datatype. This is either a factor-like object or a logical variable (that is internally represented as an ENUM-type).

**Parameters**

**labels** The labels of the ENUM-type

**values** The values corresponding to the labels

**id** Internal use only

`get_labels()` Return all the labels of the enumeration type

`get_values()` Return the values of the enumeration type

`set_size(size)` Base type of every enum is [H5T\\_INTEGER](#). This disables the `set_size` function

`get_super()` Returns [H5T\\_INTEGER](#) that is the base type of the enumeration

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

**See Also**

[H5T](#)

**Examples**

```
nucleotide_enum <- H5T_ENUM$new(labels=c("A", "C", "G", "T"), values=0:3)
nucleotide_enum
# For HDF5 1.8.16 or higher, the size and precision are set optimally
nucleotide_enum$get_size()
nucleotide_enum$get_precision()
```

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H5T_FLOAT-class	<i>Class for HDF5 floating point datatypes.</i>
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### Description

Inherits from class [H5T](#). Users should not create float types with this class, but instead use e.g. `h5types$H5T_NATIVE_DOUBLE`. Using the functions of this class, many aspects of the representation of the floating point number can then be manipulated.

### Value

Object of class [H5T\\_FLOAT](#).

### Methods

`set_fields(spos, epos, esize, mpos, msize)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_fields`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_FIELDS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_FIELDS) for details.

`get_fields()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_fields`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_FIELDS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_FIELDS) for details.

`set_ebias(ebias)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_ebias`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_EBIAS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_EBIAS) for details.

`get_ebias()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_ebias`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_EBIAS](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_EBIAS) for details.

`set_norm(norm)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_norm`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_NORM](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_NORM) for details.

`get_norm()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_norm`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_NORM](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_NORM) for details.

`set_inpad(inpad)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_inpad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_INPAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_INPAD) for details.

`get_inpad()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_inpad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_INPAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_INPAD) for details.

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5T](#)

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H5T\_INTEGER-class      *Class for HDF5 integer-datatypes.*

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### Description

Inherits from class [H5T](#). Users should not create integer datatypes themselves using this class. Instead, integer should be derived from one of the base-types such as `h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT` (which internally automatically creates a copy of the type). For a complete list of types see `h5types$overview`.

### Value

Object of class [H5T\\_INTEGER](#).

### Methods

`set_sign(sign)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_sign`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_SIGN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_SIGN) for details.

`get_sign()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_sign`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_SIGN](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_SIGN) for details.

`describe()` Return a vector that describes the key features of the datatype

### Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

### See Also

[H5T](#)

### Examples

```
my_int <- h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT

# make an int with 2 bit
my_int$set_sign(h5const$H5T_SGN_NONE)
my_int$set_size(1)
my_int$set_precision(2)
my_int$describe()
```

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H5T_LOGICAL-class	<i>Class for HDF5 logical datatypes. This is an enum with the 3 values FALSE, TRUE and NA mapped on values 0, 1 and 2. Is transparently mapped onto a logical variable</i>
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**Description**

Inherits from class [H5T](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5T\\_LOGICAL](#).

**Methods**

`new(include_NA = TRUE, id = NULL)` Create a logical datatype. This is internally represented by an ENUM-type

**Parameters**

**id** Internal use only

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

**See Also**

[H5T](#), [H5T\\_ENUM](#)

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H5T_STRING-class	<i>Class for HDF5 string datatypes.</i>
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**Description**

Inherits from class [H5T](#).

**Value**

Object of class [H5T\\_STRING](#).

**Methods**

`new(type = c("c", "fortran"), size = 1, id = NULL)` Create a string datatype

**Parameters**

**A** C or fortran type string

**size** Size of the string object. Set to Inf for variable size strings

**id** internal use only

`get_size(variable_as_inf = TRUE)` Retrieves the length of the string, setting it to Inf if it is of variable length. This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tis_variable_str`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_IS\\_VARIABLE\\_STR](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_IS_VARIABLE_STR) for details.

`get_cset()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_cset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_CSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_CSET) for details.

`set_cset(cset = c("unknown", "UTF-8"))` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_cset`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_CSET](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_CSET) for details.

`set_strpad(strpad)` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tset_strpad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_SET\\_STRPAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_SET_STRPAD) for details.

`get_strpad()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_strpad`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_STRPAD](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_STRPAD) for details.

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

**See Also**

[H5T](#)

**Examples**

```
# fixed width string
str_flen <- H5T_STRING$new(size=100)
str_flen$is_vlen()
str_flen

# variable length string
str_vlen <- H5T_STRING$new(size=Inf)
str_vlen$is_vlen()
str_vlen
```

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H5T_VLEN-class	<i>Class for HDF5 variable-length datatypes.</i>
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## Description

Inherits from class [H5T](#). This can make any datatype a variable length datatype. This would mostly be intended for storing ragged arrays.

## Value

Object of class [H5T\\_VLEN](#).

## Methods

`new(dtype_base, id = NULL)` Create a variable length datatype

### Parameters

**dtype\_base** The basis-type of the variable length datatype

**id** Internal use only

`get_super()` This function implements the HDF5-API function `H5Tget_super`. Please see the documentation at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T\\_GET\\_SUPER](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5T_GET_SUPER) for details.

`describe()` Print a detailed description of the datatype; this is experimental

## Author(s)

Holger Hoefling

## See Also

[H5T](#)

## Examples

```
vlen_int <- H5T_VLEN$new(h5types$H5T_NATIVE_INT)
vlen_int
```



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h5version	<i>Return the version of the HDF5-API</i>
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**Description**

Return the version of the HDF5-API

**Usage**

```
h5version(verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

verbose            Should the information be printed to the screen as well

**Details**

Return the version of the HDF5-API and print it to the screen if requested

**Value**

Version of the underlying HDF5 API as a string

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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is_hdf5	<i>Check if a file is an HDF5 file</i>
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**Description**

Check if a file is an HDF5 file

**Usage**

```
is_hdf5(name)
```

**Arguments**

name                The name of the file to check

**Details**

Uses the HDF5 function `H5Fis_hdf5` to check if a file is of type HDF5.

**Value**

Logical, TRUE if file is of type HDF5

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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list-groups-datasets *List Groups and Datasets in object*

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**Description**

List all Group ([H5Group](#)) and Dataset ([H5D](#)) names in the current object. This function is part of the **h5** wrapper classes and uses `$ls()` to retrieve group names.

**Usage**

```
list.groups(object, path = "/", full.names = FALSE, recursive = TRUE,  
  ...)
```

```
list.datasets(object, path = "/", full.names = FALSE,  
  recursive = TRUE, ...)
```

```
list.objects(object, obj_type = c("H5I_GROUP", "H5I_DATASET",  
  "H5I_DATATYPE"), path = "/", full.names = FALSE, recursive = TRUE,  
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	CommonFG; Object implementing the CommonFG Interface (e.g. <a href="#">H5File</a> , <a href="#">H5Group</a> ).
<code>path</code>	character; Path named to be used for iteration.
<code>full.names</code>	character; Specify if absolute DataSet path names should be returned.
<code>recursive</code>	logical; Specify if object should be traversed recursively.
<code>...</code>	Additional Parameters passed to <code>\$ls()</code>
<code>obj_type</code>	character; Object type to be returned.

**Value**

[character](#)

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names.H5Group	<i>Get the names of the items in the group or at the / root of the file</i>
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**Description**

Get the names of the items in the group or at the / root of the file

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'H5Group'  
names(x)  
  
## S3 method for class 'H5File'  
names(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object of class [H5File](#) or [H5Group](#)

**Details**

Works similar to the regular names function for a list. The names of the items of either a [H5File](#) at the root or a [H5Group](#) are returned as a character vector. The items are then accessed, again similar to a list, using `[[`.

**Value**

A character vector with the names of the items in the group/file.

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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print.data.frame_ext	<i>Print a data frame with extended factor objects</i>
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**Description**

Print a data frame that includes extended factor objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame_ext'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x                    The data.frame\_ext object to print; Is returned by ls from `H5File` and `H5Group` and this function allows for better printing of `factor_ext` so that the label instead of the value is printed.
- ...                 Parameters to be passed on directly to `print.data.frame`

**Details**

The regular print function for data-frames has special methods built-in for factors so that the label is printed instead of the constant. This function is intended to provide the same functionality for data frames with extended factors, by adding the class `data.frame_ext` to the class vector.

**Value**

The object to print itself, invisibly

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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<code>text_to_dtype</code>	<i>Convert a text description to a datatype</i>
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**Description**

Convert a text description to a datatype

**Usage**

```
text_to_dtype(text, lang_type = h5const$H5LT_DDL)
```

**Arguments**

- text                The text to convert to the datatype
- lang\_type          The type of language to use; currently only `H5LT_DDL` is supported.

**Details**

Converts a text to a datatype using the HDF5 function `H5LT_text_to_dtype`. Documentation can be found at [https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5LT\\_TEXT\\_TO\\_DTYPE](https://portal.hdfgroup.org/display/HDF5/H5LT_TEXT_TO_DTYPE).

**Value**

A datatype corresponding to the text with the appropriate class inheriting from `H5T`.

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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\$.types\_env                      *Retrieving a copy of a type*

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**Description**

Retrieving a copy of a type

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'types_env'  
x$name  
  
## S3 method for class 'types_env'  
x[[name]]
```

**Arguments**

x                      The environment to request it from  
name                    The name of the type that is requested

**Details**

The types are stored in the environment [h5types](#). These types should not be accessed directly. Therefor, the \$-operator is overloaded to ensure that every type that is accessed is a copy of the original type

**Value**

Returns an object that is a copy of a type that was requested

**Author(s)**

Holger Hoefling

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