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allowExternalSeeds

Allow saving of external seeds

Description

Should external array seeds be saved in saveDelayed? If FALSE, an error is raised upon encountering external references such as HDF5ArraySeeds. This prevents the creation of delayed objects that cannot be used on different filesystems.

Usage

allowExternalSeeds(allow)

Arguments

allow

Logical scalar indicating whether to allow downloads of external seeds.

Value

If allow is not supplied, the current value of this flag is returned.

If allow is supplied, it is used to define the value of this flag, and the *previous* value of the flag is returned.

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Author(s)

Aaron Lun

Examples

```
allowExternalSeeds()
a <- allowExternalSeeds(FALSE)
allowExternalSeeds()
# Setting it back
allowExternalSeeds(a)</pre>
```

chihaya-utils

Developer utilities for custom extensions

Description

Convenience utilities for extending the **chihaya** format with "custom" seeds or operations. These should only be used by package developers.

Usage

```
.saveList(file, name, x, parent = NULL, vectors.only = FALSE)
.loadList(file, name, parent = NULL, vectors.only = FALSE)
.labelOperationGroup(file, name, op)
.labelArrayGroup(file, name, arr)
.saveDataset(
   file,
    name,
    x,
   parent = NULL,
   scalar = FALSE,
   optimize.type = FALSE,
   h5type = NULL,
   chunks = NULL
)
.pickArrayType(x)
```

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Arguments

file String containing a path to a file.

name String containing the name of the object inside the file. This should be a full path from the root of the file, unless parent is provided, in which case it may be the name of the child.

x The object to save.

• For .pickArrayType, this should be an array-like object.

• For .saveList, this should be a list.

• For .saveDataset, this should be a integer, logical, character or double vector or array.

parent String containing the name of the parent containing the child name.

vectors.only Logical scalar indicating whether elements of x should be saved and loaded as

1-d arrays rather than seeds.

op String containing the name of the delayed operation to use to label the group.

arr String containing the name of the delayed array to use to label the group.

scalar Logical scalar indicating whether length-1 x should be saved to file as a scalar.

optimize.type Logical scalar indicating whether to optimize the HDF5 storage type for non-

scalar, non-string x.

h5type String specifying the HDF5 storage type to use for non-scalar, non-string x, see

h5const("H5T") for possible choices. This is ignored if optimize.type=TRUE.

chunks Integer vector of length equal to the number of dimensions of non-scalar x,

specifying the chunk dimensions to use. If NULL, this is set to the length of

x (if x is a vector) or chosen by **HDF5Array** (if x is an array).

Value

. saveList and .saveScalar will write x to file, returning NULL invisibly.

.labelArrayGroup and .labelOperationGroup will apply the label to the specified group, returning NULL invisibly.

.loadList will return a list containing the contents of name. This is guaranteed to contain only vectors (or fail) if vectors.only=TRUE.

.pickArrayType will return a string containing the **chihaya** type for an array-like x.

Author(s)

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knownOperations	Get or set loaders for operations/arrays	

Description

Get or set loading functions for operations or arrays that were saved into the HDF5 file. This enables third-party packages to modify the **chihaya** framework for their own purposes.

Usage

```
knownOperations(operations)
knownArrays(arrays)
```

Arguments

operations Named list of loading functions for operations. Each function should accept the

same arguments as loadDelayed and return a matrix-like object. Names should

match the delayed_operation string used to save the operation to file.

arrays Named list of loading functions for arrays. Each function should accept the

same arguments as loadDelayed and return a matrix-like object. Names should

match the delayed_array string used to save the array to file.

Details

This function can be used to modify the loading procedure for existing operations/arrays or to add new loaders for new arrays.

Custom arrays should use a "custom" prefix in the name to ensure that they do not clash with future additions to the **chihaya** specification. If an instance of a custom array contains an **r_package** scalar string dataset inside its HDF5 group, the string is assumed to hold the name of the package that implements its loading handler; if this package is installed, it will be automatically loaded and used by loadDelayed.

Custom operations can be added, but they are not currently supported via validate, so it is assumed that such operations will be created outside of saveDelayed.

Value

If operations is missing, customLoadOperations will return a list of the current custom operations that have been registered with **chihaya**. If operations is provided, it is used to define the set of custom operations, and the *previous* set of operations is returned. The same approach is used for arrays in customLoadArrays.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(HDF5Array)
X <- rsparsematrix(100, 20, 0.1)</pre>
Y <- DelayedArray(X)
Z \leftarrow log2(Y + 1)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")</pre>
saveDelayed(Z, temp)
# Overriding an existing operation:
ops <- knownOperations()</pre>
old_unary <- ops[["unary math"]]</pre>
ops[["unary math"]] <- function(file, path) {</pre>
    cat("WHEE!\n")
    old_unary(file, path)
old <- knownOperations(ops)</pre>
# Prints our little message:
loadDelayed(temp)
# Setting it back.
knownOperations(old)
```

loadDelayed

Load a DelayedMatrix

Description

Load a DelayedMatrix object from a location within a HDF5 file.

Usage

```
loadDelayed(file, path = "delayed")
```

Arguments

file String containing a path to a HDF5 file.

path String containing a path inside a HDF5 file containing the DelayedMatrix.

Value

A DelayedMatrix containing the contents at path.

Author(s)

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See Also

knownOperations and knownArrays, to modify the loading procedure.

Examples

```
library(HDF5Array)
X <- rsparsematrix(100, 20, 0.1)
Y <- DelayedArray(X)
Z <- log2(Y + 1)

temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Z, temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

saveDelayed

Save a DelayedMatrix

Description

Save a DelayedMatrix object to a location within a HDF5 file.

Usage

```
saveDelayed(x, file, path = "delayed")
```

Arguments

x A DelayedArray object.

file String containing a path to a HDF5 file. This will be created if it does not yet

exist.

path String containing a path inside a HDF5 file. This should not already exist,

though any parent groups should already be constructed.

Details

See the various saveDelayedObject methods for how each suite of delayed operations is handled. Also see https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details on the data layout inside the HDF5 file.

Value

The contents of x are written to file and a NULL is invisibly returned.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(HDF5Array)
X <- rsparsematrix(100, 20, 0.1)
Y <- DelayedArray(X)
Z <- log2(Y + 1)

temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Z, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)</pre>
```

saveDelayedObject

Save a delayed object

Description

Saves a delayed object recursively.

Usage

```
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedArray'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x An R object containing a delayed operation or seed class.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Details

The saveDelayedObject generic is intended for developers to create methods for new operations. End-users should use the saveDelayed function instead.

The DelayedArray method will simply extract the seed and use it to call saveDelayedObject again.

Value

A NULL is returned invisibly. A group is created at name inside file and the delayed operation is saved within.

Author(s)

Examples

```
library(HDF5Array)
X <- rsparsematrix(100, 20, 0.1)
Y <- DelayedArray(X)[1:10,1:5]

temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
rhdf5::h5createFile(temp)
saveDelayedObject(Y, temp, "F00")
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)</pre>
```

saveDelayedObject, ANY-method

Saving other seed classes

Description

Optional methods to save other classes, depending on the availability of the packages in the current R installation.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

An R object of a supported class, see Details.
 String containing the path to a HDF5 file.
 String containing the name of the group to save into.

Details

The ANY method will dispatch to classes that are implemented in other packages:

- If x is a LowRankMatrixSeed from the **BiocSingular** package, it is handled as a delayed matrix product.
- If x is a ResidualMatrixSeed from the **ResidualMatrix** package, it is converted into the corresponding series of delayed operations. However, the top-level group will contain a "r_type_hint" dataset to indicate that it was originally a ResidualMatrix object. This provides R clients with the opportunity to reload it as a ResidualMatrix, which may be more efficient than the naive DelayedArray representation.
- Otherwise, if x comes from package Y, we will try to load **chihaya.**Y. This is assumed to define an appropriate saveDelayedObject method for x.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of x.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

Examples

```
# Saving a matrix product.
library(BiocSingular)
left <- matrix(rnorm(100000), ncol=20)
right <- matrix(rnorm(50000), ncol=20)
thing <- LowRankMatrix(left, right)
temp <- tempfile()
saveDelayed(thing, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Methods to save simple seed classes - namely, ordinary matrices or sparse **Matrix** objects - into the delayed operation file. See "Dense arrays" and "Sparse matrices" at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'array'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
## S4 method for signature 'CsparseMatrix'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x An R object of the indicated class.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Details

For string arrays, missing values are handled by the "missing-value-placeholder" attribute on the data dataset. All NA values in the array are replaced by the placeholder value in the attribute when they are saved inside the HDF5 file. If this attribute is not present, it can be assumed that all strings are non-missing.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of x.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

Examples

```
# Saving an ordinary matrix.
X <- matrix(rpois(100, 2), 5, 20)
Y <- DelayedArray(X)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)

# Saving a sparse matrix.
X <- rsparsematrix(100, 20, 0.1)
Y <- DelayedArray(X)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save a ConstantArraySeed object. See the "Constant array" section at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'ConstantArraySeed'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A ConstantArraySeed object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the ConstantArraySeed.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

Examples

```
X <- ConstantArray(value=NA_real_, dim=c(11, 25))
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(X, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

```
save {\tt Delayed Abind-method} \\ Saving~a~Delayed Abind
```

Description

Save a DelayedAbind object. See the "Combining" operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedAbind'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedAbind object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedAbind.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- cbind(X, X)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save a DelayedAperm object. See the "Transposition" operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedAperm'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedAperm object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedAperm.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- t(X)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save a DelayedNaryIsoOp object into a HDF5 file. See the "Binary ..." operations at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedNaryIsoOp'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedNaryIsoOp object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedNaryIsoOp.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=5))
Y <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=5))
Z <- X * Y
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Z, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

saveDelayedObject,DelayedSetDimnames-method

Saving a DelayedSetDimnames

Description

Save a DelayedSetDimnames object. See the "Dimnames assignment" operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedSetDimnames'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedSetDimnames object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedSetDimnames.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
colnames(X) <- LETTERS[1:20]
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(X, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save a DelayedSubassign object into a HDF5 file. See the "Subset assignment" operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedSubassign'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedSubassign object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedSubassign.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
X[1:2,3:5] <- matrix(-runif(6), ncol=3)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(X, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save a DelayedSubset object into a HDF5 file. See the "Subsetting" operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedSubset'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedSubset object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedSubset.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- X[1:2,3:5]
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

 $save {\tt Delayed Object, Delayed Unary Iso Op Stack-method} \\ Saving~a~Delayed Unary Iso Op Stack$

Description

Save a DelayedUnaryIsoOpStack object into a HDF5 file. See the "Unary ..." operations at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedUnaryIsoOpStack'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedUnaryIsoOpStack object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedUnaryIsoOp-Stack.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- log2(X + 10)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

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Description

Save a DelayedUnaryIsoOpWithArgs object into a HDF5 file. See the "Unary ..." operation at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedUnaryIsoOpWithArgs'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A DelayedUnaryIsoOpWithArgs object.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the DelayedUnaryIsoOp-WithArgs.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=5))
Y <- (1:20 + X) / runif(5)
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

Description

Save HDF5ArraySeed or H5SparseMatrix objects or their subclasses. See "External HDF5 arrays" at https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
## $4 method for signature 'HDF5ArraySeed'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
## $4 method for signature 'H5SparseMatrixSeed'
saveDelayedObject(x, file, name)
```

Arguments

x A HDF5ArraySeed or H5SparseMatrix object or subclass thereof.

file String containing the path to a HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the group to save into.

Value

A NULL, invisibly. A group is created at name containing the contents of the HDF5-based seed.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

```
library(HDF5Array)
X <- writeHDF5Array(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- X + 1
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
rhdf5::h5ls(temp)
loadDelayed(temp)</pre>
```

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validate

Validate an artifact

Description

Validate the delayed objects inside a HDF5 file. This is automatically run at the end of every saveDelayed call to check the integrity of the saved files. See https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for more details.

Usage

```
validate(path, name)
```

Arguments

path String containing the path to the HDF5 file.

name String containing the name of the delayed object inside the file.

Value

NULL if there are no problems, otherwise an error is raised.

Author(s)

Aaron Lun

See Also

See https://artifactdb.github.io/chihaya/ for the specification.

```
X <- DelayedArray(matrix(runif(100), ncol=20))
Y <- X[1:2,3:5]
temp <- tempfile(fileext=".h5")
saveDelayed(Y, temp)
validate(temp, "delayed")</pre>
```

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