

Package ‘beachmat.tiledb’

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Description Extends beachmat to initialize tatami matrices from TileDB-backed arrays.

This allows C++ code in downstream packages to directly call the TileDB C/C++ library to access array data,

without the need for block processing via DelayedArray.

Developers only need to import this package to automatically extend the capabilities of beachmat::initializeCpp to TileDBArray instances.

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initializeCpp	<i>Initialize TileDB-backed matrices</i>
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Description

Initialize C++ representations of TileDB-backed matrices based on their **TileDBArray** representations.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'TileDBArraySeed'
initializeCpp(
  x,
  tiledb.cache.size = getAutoBlockSize(),
  tiledb.realize = initializeOptions("realize"),
  tiledb.realize.num.threads = initializeOptions("realize.num.threads"),
  tiledb.concurrency.level = initializeOptions("concurrency.level"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	A TileDBArray seed object.
tiledb.cache.size	Integer scalar specifying the size of the cache in bytes during data extraction from a TileDB matrix. Larger values reduce disk I/O during random access to the matrix, at the cost of increased memory usage.
tiledb.realize	See the realize option in initializeOptions .
tiledb.realize.num.threads	See the realize.num.threads option in initializeOptions .
tiledb.concurrency.level	See the concurrency.level option in initializeOptions .
...	Further arguments, ignored.

Value

An external pointer that can be used in any **tatami**-compatible function.

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Examples

```
library(TileDBArray)
y <- matrix(runif(1000), ncol=20, nrow=50)
z <- as(y, "TileDBArray")
ptr <- initializeCpp(z)
```

initializeOptions	<i>Options for TileDB matrices</i>
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Description

Options for initializing TileDB matrices in [initializeCpp](#).

Usage

```
initializeOptions(option, value)
```

Arguments

option	String specifying the name of the option.
value	Value of the option.

Details

The following options are supported:

- `realize`, a logical scalar specifying whether to load the matrix data from TileDB into memory with [loadIntoMemory](#), and then cache it for future calls with [checkMemoryCache](#). This avoids time-consuming disk I/O when performing multiple passes through the matrix, at the expense of increased memory usage.
- `realize.num.threads`, an integer scalar specifying the number of threads that can be used by [loadIntoMemory](#) outside of TileDB calls. This is only relevant when `realize=TRUE`.
- `concurrency.level`, an integer scalar specifying the number of threads that can be used by the TileDB library. Alternatively `NULL`, in which case TileDB's default (i.e., all available cores on the machine) are used. Greater performance may be achieved when the product of `realize.num.threads` and `concurrency.level` does not exceed the number of available cores.

Value

If `value` is missing, the current setting of `option` is returned.

If `value` is supplied, it is used to set the option, and the previous value of the option is invisibly returned.

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Examples

```
initializeOptions("realize")
old <- initializeOptions("realize", TRUE) # setting to a new value
initializeOptions("realize") # new option takes affect
initializeOptions("realize", old) # setting it back
```

loadIntoMemory

Load a TileDB matrix into memory

Description

Load a TileDB-backed matrix into memory as an external pointer to a **tatami**-compatible representation. This differs from the (default) behavior of `initializeCpp`, which only loads slices of the matrix on request.

Usage

```
loadIntoMemory(
  x,
  cache.size = getAutoBlockSize(),
  num.threads = 1,
  concurrency.level = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A TileDBArray -derived matrix or seed object.
<code>cache.size</code>	Integer scalar specifying the size of the cache in bytes during data extraction from a TileDB matrix.
<code>num.threads</code>	Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use outside of the TileDB library.
<code>concurrency.level</code>	Integer scalar specifying the number of threads that can be used by the TileDB library. See the option of the same name in <code>initializeOptions</code> for details.

Value

An external pointer that can be used in **tatami**-based functions.

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Examples

```
library(TileDBArray)
y <- matrix(runif(1000), ncol=20, nrow=50)
z <- as(y, "TileDBArray")
ptr <- loadIntoMemory(z)
```

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