# Package 'DelayedDataFrame'

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Description Based on the standard DataFrame metaphor, we are trying to implement the feature of delayed operation on the DelayedDataFrame, with a slot of lazyIndex, which saves the mapping indexes for each column of DelayedDataFrame. Methods like show, validity check, [/[[ subsetting, rbind/cbind are implemented for DelayedDataFrame to be operated around lazyIndex. The listData slot stays untouched until a realization call e.g., DataFrame constructor OR as.list() is invoked.

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as.list,DelayedDataFrame-method

 $Delayed Data Frame\ related\ methods.$ 

#### **Description**

as.list, rbind would incur realization of the lazyIndex slot in DelayedDataFrame object. cbind for DelayedDataFrame inherits the lazyIndex's if inputs have any DelayedDataFrame objects. Otherwise, return a new DelayedDataFrame with NULL lazyIndexes.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
as.list(x, use.names = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
names(x)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
bindROWS(
  х,
  objects = list(),
  use.names = TRUE,
  ignore.mcols = FALSE,
  check = TRUE
)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame,ANY'
extractROWS(x, i)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
extractCOLS(x, i)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
replaceCOLS(x, i, value)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
mergeROWS(x, i, value)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
```

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### **Arguments**

x as.list,DelayedDataFrame: a DelayedDataFrame object. OR,[,DelayedDataFrame: DelayedDataFrame object to be subsetted.

use.names as.list,DelayedDataFrame: whether to use the colnames of DelayedDataFrame

as the names for the returned list. OR, bindROWS, DelayedDataFrame: whether

to use rownames of the input arguments. Default is TRUE.

.. cbind, DelayedDataFrame: One or more vector-like or matrix-like objects. These

can be given as named arguments. OR, [, DelayedDataFrame: other arguments

to pass.

deparse.level See '?base::cbind' for a description of this argument.

objects the DelayedDataFrame objects to be passed into bindROWS.

ignore.mcols Logical. This argument is ignored for bindROWS, DelayedDataFrame. check Logical. This argument is ignored for bindROWS, DelayedDataFrame.

i row subscript

value the new values in the i, j subscripts of DelayedDataFrame object.

j col subscript

drop if drop with reduced dimension, default is TRUE.

#### Value

colnames of DelayedDataFrame

DelayedDataFrame DelayedDataFrame-class

# Description

The DelayedDataFrame class extends the DataFrame class and supports the storage of any type of object (with 'length' and '[' methods) as columns.

the lazyIndex slot getter and setter for DelayedDataFrame object.

the coercion method between DataFrame and DelayedDataFrame objects.

## Usage

```
DelayedDataFrame(..., row.names = NULL, check.names = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
lazyIndex(x)
.from_DataFrame_to_DelayedDataFrame(from)
.from_DelayedDataFrame_to_DFrame(from, to = "DFrame", strict = TRUE)
lazyIndex(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DelayedDataFrame'
lazyIndex(x) <- value</pre>
```

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#### **Arguments**

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... the arguments to pass into construction of a new DelayedDataFrame.

row.names the rownames for the newly constructed DelayedDataFrame object.

check.names logical. If 'TRUE' then the names of the variables in the DelayedDataFrame

are checked to ensure that they are syntactically valid variable names and are not duplicated. If necessary they are adjusted (by 'make.names') so that they are.

the DelayedDataFrame object.

from the object to be converted.

to the class of object to be returned by coercion.

strict Logical. Whether to force return a DataFrame.

value the new value of lazyIndex slot for DelayedDataFrame object.

#### **Details**

The DelayedDataFrame inherits from DataFrame and behaves very similarily in terms of construction, subsetting, splitting, combining, etc. The most notable exception is that The additional slot of lazyIndex, enables DelayedArray (with different back-ends) columns to share indexes when possible.

Please be very careful to use this replace method for lazyIndex slot. Because it only replace the lazyIndex slot, but not necessarily the nrow and rownames slots. If you want to have synchronized subsetting for all slots, the [ method should be used.

## Value

lazyIndex<-: the DelayedDataFrame object with new value of lazyIndex slot.

### **Examples**

```
DDF <- DelayedDataFrame(letters, LETTERS)
DDF1 <- DDF[1:10,]
DDF1
lazyIndex(DDF1)
as(DDF1, "DataFrame")</pre>
```

LazyIndex-class

The LazyIndex class and methods.

### **Description**

The LazyIndex class is designed to carry mapping indexes for DelayedDataFrame columns. So that some operations (e.g., subsetting) on DelayedDataFrame are delayed until a realization call is incurred. (e.g., as.list(), DataFrame(), ...)

LazyIndex constructor.

the subsetting method for LazyIndex object.

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## Usage

```
LazyIndex(listData = list(), index = integer())
## S4 method for signature 'LazyIndex'
cbind(..., deparse.level = 1)
## S4 method for signature 'LazyIndex,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
```

Default is TRUE.

# Arguments

listData	the list data for all mapping indexes that are used in corresponding $\mbox{DelayedDataFrame}$ object.
index	the position of mapping indexes in listData for each column of the corresponding DelayedDataFrame object.
	LazyIndex objects.
deparse.level	See ?base::cbind for a description of this argument.
X	LazyIndex object.
i	row subscript for LazyIndex, which will subset the listData slot.
j	column subscript for LazyIndex, which will subset the index slot.
drop	Logical. Wheter to drop the dimension if any of the dimensions has length 1.

# **Details**

 $the \verb|cbind|, \verb|LazyIndex| method| is defined to bind the LazyIndexes column-wise when \verb|cbind|, \verb|DelayedDataFrame| function is called.$ 

# Value

a LazyIndex object.

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