

# Package ‘pizzarr’

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as_scalar	<i>Convert a value to a scalar to opt-out of R default vector casting behavior. This uses the <code>jsonlite::unbox</code> function to "tag" the value as a scalar.</i>
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**Description**

Convert a value to a scalar to opt-out of R default vector casting behavior. This uses the `jsonlite::unbox` function to "tag" the value as a scalar.

**Usage**

```
as_scalar(obj)
```

**Arguments**

`obj`            The value to convert.

**Value**

The value wrapped as a scalar.

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Attributes	<i>Attributes Class</i>
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**Description**

Class providing access to user attributes on an array or group.

**Format**

[R6::R6Class](#)

**Details**

The Zarr Attributes class.

**Public fields**

`store` Attributes store, already initialized.

`key` The key under which the attributes will be stored.

`read_only` If True, attributes cannot be modified.

`cache` If True (default), attributes will be cached locally.

`synchronizer` Only necessary if attributes may be modified from multiple threads or processes.

**Methods****Public methods:**

- `Attributes$new()`
- `Attributes$to_list()`
- `Attributes$refresh()`
- `Attributes$contains()`
- `Attributes$get_item()`
- `Attributes$set_item()`
- `Attributes$del_item()`
- `Attributes$set_cached_v3_attrs()`
- `Attributes$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Attributes instance.

*Usage:*

```
Attributes$new(
  store,
  key = NA,
  read_only = FALSE,
  cache = TRUE,
  synchronizer = NA,
  zarr_format = NULL
)
```

*Arguments:*

`store` ([Store](#))

Attributes store, already initialized.

`key` (`character(1)`)

Key to use for attributes (`.zattrs` is default).

`read_only` (`logical(1)`)

Whether the attributes are read-only.

`cache` (`logical(1)`)

Whether to cache attributes.

`synchronizer` (`ANY` or `NA`)

Synchronizer object.

`zarr_format` (`integer(1)` or `NULL`)

Zarr format version: 2L for V2 (`.zattrs`), 3L for V3 (`zarr.json`).

*Returns:* An Attributes instance.

**Method** `to_list()`: convert attributes to list

*Usage:*

```
Attributes$to_list()
```

*Returns:* `list()`.

**Method** `refresh()`: refresh attributes

*Usage:*

Attributes\$refresh()

*Returns:* NULL (called for side effects).

**Method** contains(): check if object contains item

*Usage:*

Attributes\$contains(x)

*Arguments:*

x Object to test.

*Returns:* logical(1).

**Method** get\_item(): get attribute

*Usage:*

Attributes\$get\_item(item)

*Arguments:*

item Character attribute name.

*Returns:* The attribute value.

**Method** set\_item(): set attribute

*Usage:*

Attributes\$set\_item(item, value)

*Arguments:*

item Character attribute name.

value Value to add or update.

*Returns:* NULL (called for side effects).

**Method** del\_item(): delete attribute

*Usage:*

Attributes\$del\_item(item)

*Arguments:*

item Character attribute name.

*Returns:* NULL (called for side effects).

**Method** set\_cached\_v3\_attrs(): Set cached attributes from V3 embedded metadata. In V3, attributes are part of zarr.json rather than a separate .zattrs file. This method pre-populates the cache so the normal .zattrs read path is skipped.

*Usage:*

Attributes\$set\_cached\_v3\_attrs(attrs\_list)

*Arguments:*

attrs\_list A named list of attributes from V3 zarr.json.

*Returns:* NULL (modifies cache in place).

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

Attributes\$clone(deep = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

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BloscCodec

*BloscCodec Class*

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### Description

Class representing a Blosc compressor

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

### Details

Blosc compressor for Zarr

### Super class

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> BloscCodec

### Public fields

`cname` (character(1))  
The compression algorithm to use.

`clevel` (integer(1))  
The compression level.

`shuffle` (logical(1) | integer(1))  
The shuffle filter to use.

`blocksize` (integer(1) | NA)  
The block size.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [BloscCodec\\$new\(\)](#)
- [BloscCodec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [BloscCodec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [BloscCodec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [BloscCodec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Blosc compressor.

*Usage:*

```
BloscCodec$new(cname = "lz4", clevel = 5, shuffle = TRUE, blocksize = NA, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

`cname` (character(1))  
The compression algorithm to use.

clevel (integer(1))  
The compression level.  
shuffle (logical(1) | integer(1))  
The shuffle filter to use.  
blocksize (integer(1) | NA)  
The block size.  
... Not used.  
*Returns:* A new BloscCodec object.

**Method** encode(): Compress data.

*Usage:*  
BloscCodec\$encode(buf, zarr\_arr)  
*Arguments:*  
buf (raw())  
The un-compressed data.  
zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))  
The ZarrArray instance.  
*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** decode(): Decompress data.

*Usage:*  
BloscCodec\$decode(buf, zarr\_arr)  
*Arguments:*  
buf (raw())  
The compressed data.  
zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))  
The ZarrArray instance.  
*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** get\_config(): Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*  
BloscCodec\$get\_config()  
*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*  
BloscCodec\$clone(deep = FALSE)  
*Arguments:*  
deep Whether to make a deep clone.

### See Also

Other Codec classes: [Bz2Codec](#), [Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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Bz2Codec

*Bz2Codec Class*

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### Description

Class representing a bz2 compressor

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

### Details

Bz2 compressor for Zarr

### Super class

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> Bz2Codec

### Public fields

level The compression level.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [Bz2Codec\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Bz2Codec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [Bz2Codec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [Bz2Codec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [Bz2Codec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Bz2 compressor.

*Usage:*

```
Bz2Codec$new(level = 6, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

level The compression level, between 1 and 22.

... Not used.

*Returns:* A new Bz2Codec object.

**Method** `encode()`: Compress data.

*Usage:*

```
Bz2Codec$encode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

`buf (raw())`  
The un-compressed data.

`zarr_arr (ZarrArray)`  
The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** `decode()`: Decompress data.

*Usage:*

`Bz2Codec$.decode(buf, zarr_arr)`

*Arguments:*

`buf (raw())`  
The compressed data.

`zarr_arr (ZarrArray)`  
The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** `get_config()`: Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*

`Bz2Codec$.get_config()`

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

`Bz2Codec$.clone(deep = FALSE)`

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

### See Also

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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Codec

*Codec Class*

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### Description

Abstract class representing a compressor.

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#)

## Details

Abstract compressor for Zarr

## Methods

### Public methods:

- [Codec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [Codec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [Codec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [Codec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `encode()`: Compress data.

*Usage:*

```
Codec$encode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

`buf` ([raw\(\)](#))

The un-compressed data.

`zarr_arr` ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** `decode()`: Decompress data.

*Usage:*

```
Codec$decode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

`buf` ([raw\(\)](#))

The compressed data.

`zarr_arr` ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** `get_config()`: Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*

```
Codec$get_config()
```

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
Codec$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## See Also

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Bz2Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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Dtype

*Dtype Class*

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### Description

A data type object (an instance of Dtype class) describes how the bytes in the fixed-size block of memory corresponding to an array item should be interpreted.

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#)

### Details

The Zarr Dtype class.

### Public fields

`dtype` The original dtype string, like "<f4".  
`byte_order` The byte order of the dtype, either "little", "big", or "nr".  
`basic_type` The basic type of the dtype, like "f".  
`num_bytes` The number of bytes of the dtype.  
`num_items` The number of items of the dtype.  
`is_signed` Whether the dtype is signed. Logical/boolean.  
`is_structured` Whether the dtype is structured. Logical/boolean.  
`is_object` Whether the dtype is an object. Logical/boolean.  
`object_codec` The object codec instance.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [Dtype\\$new\(\)](#)
- [Dtype\\$get\\_asrtype\(\)](#)
- [Dtype\\$get\\_rtype\(\)](#)
- [Dtype\\$get\\_typed\\_array\\_ctr\(\)](#)
- [Dtype\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Dtype instance.

*Usage:*

```
Dtype$new(dtype, object_codec = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

`dtype` The original dtype string, like "<f4".  
`object_codec` The object codec instance.

*Returns:* A Dtype instance.

**Method** `get_asrtype()`: Get the R coercion function name for this dtype.

*Usage:*

`Dtype$get_asrtype()`

*Returns:* Character string (e.g., "as.double").

**Method** `get_rtype()`: Get the R base type for this dtype.

*Usage:*

`Dtype$get_rtype()`

*Returns:* An R prototype value (e.g., `integer()`, `double()`, or `bit64::integer64()`).

**Method** `get_typed_array_ctr()`: Get a constructor function for typed arrays of this dtype.

*Usage:*

`Dtype$get_typed_array_ctr()`

*Returns:* A function that takes `dim` and returns an array.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

`Dtype$clone(deep = FALSE)`

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

## References

<https://numpy.org/doc/stable/reference/arrays.dtypes.html>

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get\_codec

*Get a codec instance from the registry.*

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## Description

Get a codec instance from the registry.

## Usage

```
get_codec(config)
```

## Arguments

`config` A codec config as a named list.

## Value

The instance of the codec.

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GzipCodec

*GzipCodec Class*

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### Description

Class representing a gzip compressor.

Gzip encoding uses temporary files because R's `memCompress()` produces zlib framing rather than gzip framing. This makes GzipCodec slower than [ZstdCodec](#) for writes. Prefer ZstdCodec when performance matters.

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

### Details

Gzip compressor for Zarr

### Super class

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> GzipCodec

### Public fields

`level` The compression level.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [GzipCodec\\$new\(\)](#)
- [GzipCodec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [GzipCodec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [GzipCodec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [GzipCodec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Gzip compressor.

*Usage:*

```
GzipCodec$new(level = 6, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

`level` The compression level, between 1 and 22.

`...` Not used.

*Returns:* A new GzipCodec object.

**Method** `encode()`: Compress data.

*Usage:*

GzipCodec\$encode(buf, zarr\_arr)

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())

The un-compressed data.

zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** decode(): Decompress data.

*Usage:*

GzipCodec\$decode(buf, zarr\_arr)

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())

The compressed data.

zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** get\_config(): Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*

GzipCodec\$get\_config()

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

GzipCodec\$clone(deep = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

### See Also

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Bz2Codec](#), [Codec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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HttpStore

*HttpStore Class*

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### Description

Store class that uses HTTP requests. Read-only. Depends on the `curl` package.

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Store](#).

## Details

For parallel operation, set the "pizzarr.parallel\_backend" option to one of:

- "future" if a future plan has been set up
- integer if you would like a one-time use cluster created per call
- cluster object created with `parallel::make_cluster()` if you want to reuse a cluster

Set the option "pizzarr.progress\_bar" to TRUE to get a progress bar for long running reads.

For more, see `vignette("parallel")`.

## Super class

`pizzarr::Store` -> `HttpStore`

## Methods

### Public methods:

- `HttpStore$new()`
- `HttpStore$get_item()`
- `HttpStore$contains_item()`
- `HttpStore$listdir()`
- `HttpStore$get_cache_time_seconds()`
- `HttpStore$set_cache_time_seconds()`
- `HttpStore$print()`
- `HttpStore$clone()`

**Method** `new()`: Create a `HttpStore` object

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$new(url, options = NA, headers = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

`url` (`character(1)`)

URL of the store.

`options` (`list()` or NA)

Options passed to `crul`.

`headers` (`list()` or NA)

Headers passed to `crul`.

*Returns:* A new `HttpStore` object.

**Method** `get_item()`: Get an item from the store.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$get_item(item)
```

*Arguments:*

`item` The item key.

*Returns:* The item data in a vector of type `raw`.

**Method** `contains_item()`: Determine whether the store contains an item.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$contains_item(item)
```

*Arguments:*

`item` The item key.

*Returns:* A boolean value.

**Method** `listdir()`: Fetches .zmetadata from the store evaluates its names

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$listdir()
```

*Returns:* Character vector of unique keys that do not start with a ..

**Method** `get_cache_time_seconds()`: Get cache time of http requests.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$get_cache_time_seconds()
```

*Returns:* `numeric(1)`.

**Method** `set_cache_time_seconds()`: Set cache time of http requests.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$set_cache_time_seconds(seconds)
```

*Arguments:*

`seconds` Number of seconds until cache is invalid – 0 for no cache.

*Returns:* NULL (called for side effects).

**Method** `print()`: Print a human-readable summary of the store.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$print(...)
```

*Arguments:*

... Ignored.

*Returns:* `self` (invisibly).

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
HttpStore$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

### See Also

Other Store classes: [DirectoryStore](#), [MemoryStore](#), [Store](#)

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int	<i>Convenience function for the internal Int class constructor.</i>
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**Description**

Convenience function for the internal Int class constructor.

**Usage**

```
int(index, zero_based = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

index	The integer index.
zero_based	The index of the dimension. By default, FALSE for R-like behavior.

**Value**

A Int instance with the specified parameters.

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is_key_error	<i>Check if an error is a KeyError.</i>
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**Description**

Check if an error is a KeyError.

**Usage**

```
is_key_error(e)
```

**Arguments**

e	The error to check.
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**Value**

TRUE if the error is a KeyError, FALSE otherwise.

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is_scalar	<i>Check if a value is a scalar (i.e., a one-element vector that was converted with as_scalar).</i>
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**Description**

Check if a value is a scalar (i.e., a one-element vector that was converted with as\_scalar).

**Usage**

```
is_scalar(s)
```

**Arguments**

s	The value to check.
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**Value**

TRUE if the value is a scalar, FALSE otherwise.

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is_slice	<i>Check if a value is a Slice instance.</i>
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**Description**

Check if a value is a Slice instance.

**Usage**

```
is_slice(s)
```

**Arguments**

s	The value to check.
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**Value**

TRUE if the value is a Slice instance, FALSE otherwise.

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LzmaCodec

*LzmaCodec Class*

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### Description

Class representing a lzma compressor

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

### Details

Lzma compressor for Zarr

### Super class

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> LzmaCodec

### Public fields

level The compression level.

format The compression format.

### Methods

#### Public methods:

- [LzmaCodec\\$new\(\)](#)
- [LzmaCodec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [LzmaCodec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [LzmaCodec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [LzmaCodec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new lzma compressor.

*Usage:*

```
LzmaCodec$new(level = 9, format = 1, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

level The compression level, between 1 and 22.

format (`integer(1)`)

Only 1 is supported.

... Not used.

*Returns:* A new LzmaCodec object.

**Method** `encode()`: Compress data.

*Usage:*

LzmaCodec\$encode(buf, zarr\_arr)

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())

The un-compressed data.

zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** decode(): Decompress data.

*Usage:*

LzmaCodec\$decode(buf, zarr\_arr)

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())

The compressed data.

zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** get\_config(): Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*

LzmaCodec\$get\_config()

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

LzmaCodec\$clone(deep = FALSE)

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

### See Also

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Bz2Codec](#), [Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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NestedArray

*NestedArray Class*

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### Description

Represents a multi-dimensional array that can be accessed and subsetted via list of Slice instances.

### Format

[R6::R6Class](#)

**Details**

The Zarr NestedArray class.

**Public fields**

shape The shape of the array.

dtype The Zarr dtype of the array, as a string like ">f8".

dtype\_obj The Zarr dtype of the array, as a Dtype instance.

data The array contents as a base R array.

**Methods****Public methods:**

- [NestedArray\\$new\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$get\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$set\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$flatten\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$flatten\\_to\\_raw\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$as.array\(\)](#)
- [NestedArray\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new NestedArray instance.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$new(data, shape = NA, dtype = NA, order = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

data The data to initialize the array with. Either NULL, base R array, base R vector (numeric/logical), scalar, or raw vector.

shape The shape of the array.

dtype The Zarr dtype of the array, as a string like ">f8".

order The order of the array, either "C" or "F". Only used when data is a raw vector. Optional.

*Returns:* A NestedArray instance.

**Method** `get()`: Subset the array.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$get(selection)
```

*Arguments:*

selection A list of slices.

*Returns:* A new NestedArray (potentially a subset) representing the selection.

**Method** `set()`: Set a subset of the array.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$set(selection, value)
```

*Arguments:*

selection A list of slices.

value A NestedArray or a base R array.

*Returns:* NULL (called for side effects, modifies self\$data in place).

**Method** `flatten()`: Flatten the array contents.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$flatten(order = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

order Either "C", "F", or NA.

*Returns:* The data as a flat vector.

**Method** `flatten_to_raw()`: Flatten the array contents and convert to a raw vector.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$flatten_to_raw(order = NA)
```

*Arguments:*

order Either "C", "F", or NA.

*Returns:* The data as a flat `raw()` vector (or plain vector for object dtypes).

**Method** `as.array()`: Convert NestedArray to a base R array.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$as.array()
```

*Returns:* `array()`.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
NestedArray$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

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pizzarr\_option\_defaults

*pizzarr\_option\_defaults*

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## Description

- `pizzarr.http_store_cache_time_seconds` how long to cache web requests
- `pizzarr.parallel_backend` "future", a cluster object, or an integer (if not on windows)
- `pizzarr.parallel_write_enabled` logical, whether to use parallel backend for writing
- `pizzarr.progress_bar` logical whether to use `pbapply` to emit a progress bar

**Usage**

```
pizzarr_option_defaults
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 4.

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pizzarr_sample	<i>pizzarr demo data</i>
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**Description**

pizzarr demo data

**Usage**

```
pizzarr_sample(
  dataset = NULL,
  outdir = file.path(tools::R_user_dir("pizzarr"), "pizzarr_sample")
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	character defining which demo dataset is desired, If NULL, all are returned
outdir	character directory path to store sample zarr stores

**Details**

For directory stores, unzips the store to a temporary directory and returns the resulting path.

**Value**

path to ready to use zarr store

**Examples**

```
sample_dir <- tools::R_user_dir("pizzarr")
clean <- !dir.exists(sample_dir)

zarr_samples <- pizzarr_sample(outdir = sample_dir)

#printing without system path for example
gsub(sample_dir, "...", zarr_samples, fixed = TRUE)

# clean up if you don't want to keep them for next time
if(clean) unlink(sample_dir, recursive = TRUE)
```

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slice	<i>Convenience function for the internal Slice R6 class constructor.</i>
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**Description**

Convenience function for the internal Slice R6 class constructor.

**Usage**

```
slice(start, stop = NA, step = NA, zero_based = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

start	The start index.
stop	The stop index.
step	The step size. Negative values reverse the direction of the slice, matching Python/NumPy semantics (e.g., <code>step = -1</code> iterates backward from <code>start</code> toward <code>stop</code> ).
zero_based	The index of the dimension. By default, <code>FALSE</code> for R-like behavior.

**Value**

A Slice instance with the specified parameters.

**Examples**

```
g <- zarr_volcano()
v <- g$get_item("volcano")

# Reverse the first 5 columns of row 1 (zero-based: 5:0:-1)
v$get_orthogonal_selection(list(zb_slice(0, 1), zb_slice(5, 0, -1)))

# Full reverse of row 1 (zero-based: -1::-1)
v$get_orthogonal_selection(list(zb_slice(0, 1), zb_slice(-1, NA, -1)))
```

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VLenUtf8Codec

*VLenUtf8Codec Class*


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**Description**

Class representing a VLenUtf8 compressor

**Format**

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

**Details**

Variable-length UTF-8 codec for Zarr

**Super class**

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> VLenUtf8Codec

**Methods****Public methods:**

- [VLenUtf8Codec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [VLenUtf8Codec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [VLenUtf8Codec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [VLenUtf8Codec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `encode()`: Compress data.

*Usage:*

```
VLenUtf8Codec$encode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

`buf` ([character\(\)](#))

The un-compressed data (character vector).

`zarr_arr` ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** `decode()`: Decompress data.

*Usage:*

```
VLenUtf8Codec$decode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

`buf` ([raw\(\)](#))

The compressed data.

`zarr_arr` ([ZarrArray](#))

The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** `get_config()`: Get codec configuration as a list.

*Usage:*

```
VLenUtf8Codec$get_config()
```

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

*Usage:*

```
VLenUtf8Codec$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

`deep` Whether to make a deep clone.

**See Also**

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Bz2Codec](#), [Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [ZlibCodec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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zarr_create	<i>Create an empty array</i>
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**Description**

Create an empty array

**Usage**

```
zarr_create(
    shape,
    chunks = True,
    dtype = NA,
    compressor = NA,
    fill_value = NA,
    order = NA,
    store = NA,
    synchronizer = NA,
    overwrite = False,
    path = NA,
    chunk_store = NA,
    filters = NA,
    cache_metadata = True,
    cache_attrs = True,
    read_only = False,
    object_codec = NA,
    dimension_separator = NA,
    write_empty_chunks = True,
    zarr_format = 2L
)
```

**Arguments**

shape	: int or tuple of ints Array shape.
chunks	: int or tuple of ints, optional Chunk shape. If True, will be guessed from shape and dtype. If False, will be set to shape, i.e., single chunk for the whole array. If an int, the chunk size in each dimension will be given by the value of chunks. Default is True.
dtype	: string or dtype, optional NumPy dtype.
compressor	: Codec, optional Primary compressor.
fill_value	: object Default value to use for uninitialized portions of the array.

order	: 'C', 'F', optional Memory layout to be used within each chunk.
store	: Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.
synchronizer	: object, optional Array synchronizer.
overwrite	: bool, optional If True, erase all data in store prior to initialisation.
path	: string, bytes, optional Path under which array is stored.
chunk_store	: Store, optional Separate storage for chunks. If not provided, store will be used for storage of both chunks and metadata.
filters	: sequence, optional Sequence of filters to use to encode chunk data prior to compression.
cache_metadata	: bool, optional If True, array configuration metadata will be cached for the lifetime of the object. If False, array metadata will be reloaded prior to all data access and modification operations (may incur overhead depending on storage and data access pattern).
cache_attrs	: bool, optional If True (default), user attributes will be cached for attribute read operations. If False, user attributes are reloaded from the store prior to all attribute read operations.
read_only	: bool, optional True if array should be protected against modification.
object_codec	: Codec, optional A codec to encode object arrays, only needed if dtype=object.
dimension_separator	: '.', '/', optional Separator placed between the dimensions of a chunk.
write_empty_chunks	: bool, optional If True (default), all chunks will be stored regardless of their contents. If False, each chunk is compared to the array's fill value prior to storing. If a chunk is uniformly equal to the fill value, then that chunk is not stored, and the store entry for that chunk's key is deleted. This setting enables sparser storage, as only chunks with non-fill-value data are stored, at the expense of overhead associated with checking the data of each chunk.
zarr_format	: int, optional Zarr format version. Use 2L (default) for Zarr V2 or 3L for Zarr V3.

**Value**

ZarrArray

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zarr\_create\_array      *Create an array initialized with data.*


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**Description**

Create an array initialized with data.

**Usage**

zarr\_create\_array(data, ...)

**Arguments**

data            A base R array() or pizzarr NestedArray instance.  
 ...            The params of zarr\_create()

**Value**

ZarrArray

---

zarr\_create\_empty    *Create an array filled with NAs.*

---

**Description**

Create an array filled with NAs.

**Usage**

```
zarr_create_empty(shape, ...)
```

**Arguments**

shape            : int or tuple of ints Array shape.  
 ...            The params of zarr\_create()

**Value**

ZarrArray

---

zarr\_create\_group    *Create a group.*

---

**Description**

Create a group.

**Usage**

```
zarr_create_group(
  store = NA,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  chunk_store = NA,
  cache_attrs = TRUE,
  synchronizer = NA,
  path = NA,
  zarr_format = 2L
)
```

**Arguments**

store	: Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.
overwrite	: bool, optional If True, erase all data in store prior to initialisation.
chunk_store	: Store, optional Separate storage for chunks. If not provided, store will be used for storage of both chunks and metadata.
cache_attrs	: bool, optional If True (default), user attributes will be cached for attribute read operations. If False, user attributes are reloaded from the store prior to all attribute read operations.
synchronizer	: object, optional Array synchronizer.
path	: string, bytes, optional Path under which array is stored.
zarr_format	: int, optional Zarr format version. Use 2L (default) for Zarr V2 or 3L for Zarr V3.

**Value**

ZarrGroup

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zarr_create_zeros	<i>Create an array filled with zeros.</i>
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**Description**

Create an array filled with zeros.

**Usage**

```
zarr_create_zeros(shape, ...)
```

**Arguments**

shape	: int or tuple of ints Array shape.
...	The params of zarr_create()

**Value**

ZarrArray

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zarr_open	<i>Convenience function to open a group or array using file-mode-like semantics.</i>
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**Description**

Convenience function to open a group or array using file-mode-like semantics.

**Usage**

```
zarr_open(store = NA, mode = NA, path = NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

store	: Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.
mode	: 'r', 'r+', 'a', 'w', 'w-', optional Persistence mode: 'r' means read only (must exist); 'r+' means read/write (must exist); 'a' means read/write (create if doesn't exist); 'w' means create (overwrite if exists); 'w-' means create (fail if exists).
path	: string, bytes, optional Path under which array is stored.
...	Additional arguments to pass to zarr_open_array or zarr_open_group.

**Value**

ZarrArray or ZarrGroup

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zarr_open_array	<i>Open an array using file-mode-like semantics.</i>
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**Description**

Open an array using file-mode-like semantics.

**Usage**

```
zarr_open_array(
  store = NA,
  storage_options = NA,
  mode = NA,
  shape = NA,
  chunks = TRUE,
  dtype = NA,
  compressor = NA,
  fill_value = NA,
  order = NA,
```

```

    synchronizer = NA,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    path = NA,
    chunk_store = NA,
    filters = NA,
    cache_metadata = TRUE,
    cache_attrs = TRUE,
    object_codec = NA,
    dimension_separator = NA,
    write_empty_chunks = TRUE,
    zarr_format = 2L
)

```

### Arguments

`store` : Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.

`storage_options` : dict If using an fsspec URL to create the store, these will be passed to the backend implementation. Ignored otherwise.

`mode` : 'r', 'r+', 'a', 'w', 'w-', optional Persistence mode: 'r' means read only (must exist); 'r+' means read/write (must exist); 'a' means read/write (create if doesn't exist); 'w' means create (overwrite if exists); 'w-' means create (fail if exists).

`shape` : int or tuple of ints Array shape.

`chunks` : bool, int or tuple of ints, optional Chunk shape. If True, will be guessed from shape and dtype. If False, will be set to shape, i.e., single chunk for the whole array.

`dtype` : string or dtype, optional NumPy dtype.

`compressor` : Codec, optional Primary compressor.

`fill_value` : object Default value to use for uninitialized portions of the array.

`order` : 'C', 'F', optional Memory layout to be used within each chunk.

`synchronizer` : object, optional Array synchronizer.

`overwrite` : bool, optional If True, erase all data in store prior to initialisation.

`path` : string, bytes, optional Path under which array is stored.

`chunk_store` : Store, optional Separate storage for chunks. If not provided, store will be used for storage of both chunks and metadata.

`filters` : sequence, optional Sequence of filters to use to encode chunk data prior to compression.

`cache_metadata` : bool, optional If True, array configuration metadata will be cached for the lifetime of the object. If False, array metadata will be reloaded prior to all data access and modification operations (may incur overhead depending on storage and data access pattern).

`cache_attrs` : bool, optional If True (default), user attributes will be cached for attribute read operations. If False, user attributes are reloaded from the store prior to all attribute read operations.

**object\_codec** : Codec, optional A codec to encode object arrays, only needed if dtype=object.  
**dimension\_separator** : '.', '/', optional Separator placed between the dimensions of a chunk.  
**write\_empty\_chunks** : bool, optional If True (default), all chunks will be stored regardless of their contents. If False, each chunk is compared to the array's fill value prior to storing. If a chunk is uniformly equal to the fill value, then that chunk is not be stored, and the store entry for that chunk's key is deleted. This setting enables sparser storage, as only chunks with non-fill-value data are stored, at the expense of overhead associated with checking the data of each chunk.  
**zarr\_format** : int, optional Zarr format version. Use 2L (default) for Zarr V2 or 3L for Zarr V3.

## Value

ZarrArray

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zarr_open_group	<i>Open a group using file-mode-like semantics.</i>
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## Description

Open a group using file-mode-like semantics.

## Usage

```

zarr_open_group(
    store = NA,
    mode = NA,
    cache_attrs = TRUE,
    synchronizer = NA,
    path = NA,
    chunk_store = NA,
    storage_options = NA,
    zarr_format = 2L
)
  
```

## Arguments

**store** : Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.  
**mode** : 'r', 'r+', 'a', 'w', 'w-', optional Persistence mode: 'r' means read only (must exist); 'r+' means read/write (must exist); 'a' means read/write (create if doesn't exist); 'w' means create (overwrite if exists); 'w-' means create (fail if exists).  
**cache\_attrs** : bool, optional If True (default), user attributes will be cached for attribute read operations. If False, user attributes are reloaded from the store prior to all attribute read operations.

synchronizer	: object, optional Array synchronizer.
path	: string, bytes, optional Path under which array is stored.
chunk_store	: Store, optional Separate storage for chunks. If not provided, store will be used for storage of both chunks and metadata.
storage_options	: dict If using an fsspec URL to create the store, these will be passed to the backend implementation. Ignored otherwise.
zarr_format	: int, optional Zarr format version. Use 2L (default) for Zarr V2 or 3L for Zarr V3.

**Value**

ZarrGroup

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zarr_save_array	<i>Convenience function to save a ZarrArray to the local file system.</i>
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---

**Description**

Convenience function to save a ZarrArray to the local file system.

**Usage**

```
zarr_save_array(store, arr, ...)
```

**Arguments**

store	: Store A mapping that supports string keys and bytes-like values.
arr	: ZarrArray The array with data to save.
...	Additional arguments to pass to zarr_create_array().

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zarr_volcano	<i>Create a demo Zarr group containing R's volcano dataset</i>
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**Description**

Writes the `volcano` matrix into a temporary DirectoryStore as a Zarr array named "volcano" and returns the opened group.

**Usage**

```
zarr_volcano()
```

**Value**

A ZarrGroup containing a single array called "volcano".

**Examples**

```
g <- zarr_volcano()
v <- g$get_item("volcano")
image(v$get_item("...")$data, main = "Maunga Whau Volcano")
```

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zb_int	<i>Convenience function for the internal Int class constructor with zero-based indexing</i>
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**Description**

Convenience function for the internal Int class constructor with zero-based indexing

**Usage**

```
zb_int(index)
```

**Arguments**

index	integer index
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zb_slice	<i>Convenience function for the internal Slice R6 class constructor with zero-based indexing and exclusive stop index.</i>
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---

**Description**

Convenience function for the internal Slice R6 class constructor with zero-based indexing and exclusive stop index.

**Usage**

```
zb_slice(start, stop = NA, step = NA)
```

**Arguments**

start	The start index.
stop	The stop index.
step	The step size. Negative values reverse the direction of the slice, matching Python/NumPy semantics (e.g., step = -1 iterates backward from start toward stop).

**Value**

A Slice instance with the specified parameters.

**Examples**

```
# Equivalent to Python's arr[5:0:-1]
zb_slice(5, 0, -1)

# Equivalent to Python's arr[-1::-1] (full reverse)
zb_slice(-1, NA, -1)
```

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ZlibCodec

*ZlibCodec Class*


---

**Description**

Class representing a zlib compressor

**Format**

[R6::R6Class](#) inheriting from [Codec](#).

**Details**

Zlib compressor for Zarr

**Super class**

[pizzarr::Codec](#) -> ZlibCodec

**Public fields**

level The compression level.

**Methods****Public methods:**

- [ZlibCodec\\$new\(\)](#)
- [ZlibCodec\\$encode\(\)](#)
- [ZlibCodec\\$decode\(\)](#)
- [ZlibCodec\\$get\\_config\(\)](#)
- [ZlibCodec\\$clone\(\)](#)

**Method** `new()`: Create a new Zlib compressor.

*Usage:*

```
ZlibCodec$new(level = 6, ...)
```

*Arguments:*

level The compression level, between 1 and 22.  
... Not used.

*Returns:* A new ZlibCodec object.

**Method** encode(): Compress data.*Usage:*

```
ZlibCodec$encode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())  
The un-compressed data.  
zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))  
The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Compressed data.

**Method** decode(): Decompress data.*Usage:*

```
ZlibCodec$decode(buf, zarr_arr)
```

*Arguments:*

buf (raw())  
The compressed data.  
zarr\_arr ([ZarrArray](#))  
The ZarrArray instance.

*Returns:* Un-compressed data.

**Method** get\_config(): Get codec configuration as a list.*Usage:*

```
ZlibCodec$get_config()
```

*Returns:* A named list.

**Method** clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
ZlibCodec$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

*Arguments:*

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

**See Also**

Other Codec classes: [BloscCodec](#), [Bz2Codec](#), [Codec](#), [GzipCodec](#), [Lz4Codec](#), [LzmaCodec](#), [VLenUtf8Codec](#), [ZstdCodec](#)

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