

Package ‘safetensors’

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safetensors	<i>Low level control over safetensors files</i>
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Description

Low level control over safetensors files

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Details

Allows opening a connection to a safetensors file and query the tensor names, metadata, etc. Opening a connection only reads the file metadata into memory. This allows for more fined grained control over reading.

Public fields

`con` the connection object with the file

`metadata` an R list containing the metadata header in the file

`framework` the framework used to return the tensors

`args` additional arguments for tensor creation

`max_offset` the largest offset boundary that was visited. Mainly used in torch to find the end of the safetensors file.

Methods**Public methods:**

- [safetensors\\$new\(\)](#)
- [safetensors\\$keys\(\)](#)
- [safetensors\\$get_tensor\(\)](#)
- [safetensors\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method `new()`: Opens the connection with the file

Usage:

```
safetensors$new(path, ..., framework)
```

Arguments:

`path` Path to the file to load

`...` (any)

Additional, framework dependent, arguments to pass to use when creating the tensor. For torch, this is the device, for pjrt the client.

`framework` Framework to load the data into. Currently supports "torch" and "pjrt"

Method `keys()`: Get the keys (tensor names) in the file

Usage:

```
safetensors$keys()
```

Method `get_tensor()`: Get a tensor from its name

Usage:

```
safetensors$get_tensor(name)
```

Arguments:

name Name of the tensor to load

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

Usage:

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

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

Examples

```
if (rlang::is_installed("torch") && torch::torch_is_installed()) {
  tensors <- list(x = torch::torch_randn(10, 10))
  temp <- tempfile()
  safe_save_file(tensors, temp)
  f <- safetensors$new(temp, framework = "torch")
  f$get_tensor("x")
}
```

safetensors_frameworks

Reflection of supported frameworks

Description

A reflection of supported frameworks.

Usage

```
safetensors_frameworks
```

Format

An object of class environment of length 1.

safe_load_file	<i>Safe load a safetensors file</i>
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Description

Loads an safetensors file from disk.

Usage

```
safe_load_file(path, ..., framework)
```

Arguments

path	Path to the file to load
...	Additional framework dependent arguments to pass to the tensor creation function.
framework	Framework to load the data into. Currently supports "torch" and "pjrt"

Value

A list with tensors in the file. The metadata attribute can be used to find metadata the metadata header in the file.

See Also

[safetensors](#), [safe_save_file\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (rlang::is_installed("torch") && torch::torch_is_installed()) {  
  tensors <- list(x = torch::torch_randn(10, 10))  
  temp <- tempfile()  
  safe_save_file(tensors, temp)  
  safe_load_file(temp, framework = "torch")  
}
```

safe_save_file	<i>Writes a list of tensors to the safetensors format</i>
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Description

Writes a list of tensors to the safetensors format

Usage

```
safe_save_file(tensors, path, ..., metadata = NULL)
```

```
safe_serialize(tensors, ..., metadata = NULL)
```

Arguments

tensors	A named list of tensors. Currently only torch tensors are supported.
path	The path to save the tensors to. It can also be a binary connection, as eg, created with <code>file()</code> .
...	Currently unused.
metadata	An optional string that is added to the file header. Possibly adding additional description to the weights.

Value

The path invisibly or a raw vector.

Functions

- `safe_serialize()`: Serializes the tensors and returns a raw vector.

Examples

```
if (rlang::is_installed("torch") && torch::torch_is_installed()) {
  tensors <- list(x = torch::torch_randn(10, 10))
  temp <- tempfile()
  safe_save_file(tensors, temp)
  safe_load_file(temp, framework = "torch")

  ser <- safe_serialize(tensors)
}
```

safe_tensor_buffer	<i>Get raw buffer from a tensor</i>
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Description

Convert a tensor object to a raw buffer in the formatted expected by safetensors.

Usage

safe_tensor_buffer(x)

Arguments

x	(any) Tensor object.
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Value

(raw)

safe_tensor_meta	<i>Get metadata from a tensor</i>
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Description

Get the metadata from a tensor.

Usage

safe_tensor_meta(x)

Arguments

x	(any) Tensor object.
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Value

(list)

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