

# Package ‘XeniumIO’

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See Also

Useful links:  

- <https://github.com/waldronlab/XeniumIO>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/waldronlab/XeniumIO/issues>

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| TENxXenium-class | <i>A class to represent Xenium output data</i> |
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## Description

This class is a composed class of [TENxFileList](#) which can contain a list of [TENxFile](#) objects for the cell-feature matrix. It is meant to handle a single Xenium sample from 10X Genomics.

## Usage

```
TENxXenium(
  resources,
  xeniumOut,
  sample_id = "sample01",
  format = c("mtx", "h5"),
  boundaries_format = c("parquet", "csv.gz"),
  spatialCoordsNames = c("x_centroid", "y_centroid"),
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'TENxXenium,ANY,ANY'
import(con, format, text, ...)
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| resources          | A <a href="#">TENxFileList</a> object or a file path to the tarball containing the matrix / assay data resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| xeniumOut          | character(1) The path to the Xenium output directory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| sample_id          | character(1) A single string specifying the sample ID.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| format             | The format of the output. If missing and con is a file name, the format is derived from the file extension. This argument is unnecessary when con is a derivative of <a href="#">BiocFile</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| boundaries_format  | character(1) Either "parquet" or "csv.gz" to specify the file extension of the boundaries file. Default is "parquet".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| spatialCoordsNames | character() A vector of strings specifying the names of the columns in the spatial data containing the spatial coordinates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ...                | In the constructor, additional arguments passed to <a href="#">TENxFileList</a> ; otherwise, not used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| con                | The connection from which data is loaded or to which data is saved. If this is a character vector, it is assumed to be a file name and a corresponding file connection is created and then closed after exporting the object. If it is a <a href="#">BiocFile</a> derivative, the data is loaded from or saved to the underlying resource. If missing, the function will return the output as a character vector, rather than writing to a connection. |

**text** If con is missing, this can be a character vector directly providing the string data to import.

### Details

Note that one can provide a `ref` argument to `import` method which will get passed to the internal `splitAltExps` operation. This allows one to set a `mainExpName` in the output object.

### Value

A [SpatialExperiment](#) object

### Functions

- `import(con = TENxXenium, format = ANY, text = ANY)`: Import Xenium Analyzer data

### Slots

**resources** A [TENxFileList](#) or [TENxH5](#) object containing the cell feature matrix.

**boundaries** Either a [TENxSpatialParquet](#) or [TENxSpatialCSV](#) object containing the spatial boundaries data.

**coordNames** `character()` A vector specifying the names of the columns in the spatial data containing the spatial coordinates.

**sampleId** `character(1)` A scalar specifying the sample identifier.

**colData** [TENxSpatialParquet](#) A [TENxSpatialParquet](#) object containing the spatial coordinates data.

**metadata** `XeniumFile` A [XeniumFile](#) object containing the metadata information.

### See Also

<https://www.10xgenomics.com/support/software/xenium-onboard-analysis/latest/analysis/xoa-output-understanding-outputs>

### Examples

```
showClass("TENxXenium")

zipfile <- paste0(
  "https://mghp.osn.xsede.org/bir190004-bucket01/BiocXenDemo/",
  "Xenium_Prime_MultiCellSeg_Mouse_Ileum_tiny_outs.zip"
)
destfile <- XeniumIO:::cache_url_file(zipfile)
outfold <- file.path(
  tempdir(), tools::file_path_sans_ext(basename(zipfile))
)
if (!dir.exists(outfold))
  dir.create(outfold, recursive = TRUE)
unzip(
  zipfile = destfile, exdir = outfold, overwrite = FALSE
```

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)
TENxXenium(xeniumOut = outfold) |>
  import(ref = "Gene Expression")

```

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| XeniumFile-class | <i>A minimal class to represent Xenium metadata</i> |
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## Description

This class is a minimal class to represent Xenium metadata. It is dedicated to importing `experiment.xenium` metadata files. It uses the `jsonlite` package to import the metadata.

## Usage

```

XeniumFile(resource)

## S4 method for signature 'XeniumFile,ANY,ANY'
import(con, format, text, ...)

```

## Arguments

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>resource</code> | character(1) The path to the Xenium metadata file.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>con</code>      | The connection from which data is loaded or to which data is saved. If this is a character vector, it is assumed to be a file name and a corresponding file connection is created and then closed after exporting the object. If it is a <a href="#">BiocFile</a> derivative, the data is loaded from or saved to the underlying resource. If missing, the function will return the output as a character vector, rather than writing to a connection. |
| <code>format</code>   | The format of the output. If missing and <code>con</code> is a file name, the format is derived from the file extension. This argument is unnecessary when <code>con</code> is a derivative of <a href="#">BiocFile</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>text</code>     | If <code>con</code> is missing, this can be a character vector directly providing the string data to import.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>...</code>      | Parameters to pass to the format-specific method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Value

A [XeniumFile](#) object

## Functions

- `import(con = XeniumFile, format = ANY, text = ANY)`: Import Xenium metadata

## Examples

```
showClass("XeniumFile")
```

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