

# 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**

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/xa-output-understanding-outputs>

**Examples**

```
showClass("TENxXenium")

zipfile <- paste0(
  "https://mgp.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
)
TENxXenium(xeniumOut = outfold) |>
  import(ref = "Gene Expression")
```

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XeniumFile-class

*A minimal class to represent Xenium metadata*

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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**

resource	character(1) The path to the Xenium metadata file.
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.
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> .
text	If con is missing, this can be a character vector directly providing the string data to import.
...	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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