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Description

Manage leases for blobs and blob containers.

Usage

acquire_lease(container, blob = "", duration = 60, lease = NULL)
break_lease(container, blob = "", period = NULL)
release_lease(container, blob = "", lease)
renew_lease(container, blob = "", lease)
change_lease(container, blob = "", lease, new_lease)
Arguments

- **container**: A blob container object.
- **blob**: The name of an individual blob. If not supplied, the lease applies to the entire container.
- **duration**: For `acquire_lease`, The duration of the requested lease. For an indefinite duration, set this to -1.
- **lease**: For `acquire_lease` an optional proposed name of the lease; for `release_lease`, `renew_lease` and `change_lease`, the name of the existing lease.
- **period**: For `break_lease`, the period for which to break the lease.
- **new_lease**: For `change_lease`, the proposed name of the lease.

Details

Leasing is a way to prevent a blob or container from being accidentally deleted. The duration of a lease can range from 15 to 60 seconds, or be indefinite.

Value

For `acquire_lease` and `change_lease`, a string containing the lease ID.

See Also

- `blob_container`, Leasing a blob, Leasing a container

Description

Get, list, create, or delete ADLSgen2 filesystems.

Usage

```
adls_filesystem(endpoint, ...)  

## S3 method for class 'character'
adls_filesystem(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL,  
    sas = NULL, api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)  

## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
adls_filesystem(endpoint, name, ...)  

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
print(x, ...)  
```
list_adls_filesystems(endpoint, ...)  
## S3 method for class 'character'
list_adls_filesystems(endpoint, key = NULL,
  token = NULL, sas = NULL,
  api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
list_adls_filesystems(endpoint, ...)

create_adls_filesystem(endpoint, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
create_adls_filesystem(endpoint, key = NULL,
  token = NULL, sas = NULL,
  api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
create_adls_filesystem(endpoint, ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
create_adls_filesystem(endpoint, name, ...)

delete_adls_filesystem(endpoint, ...)
## S3 method for class 'character'
delete_adls_filesystem(endpoint, key = NULL,
  token = NULL, sas = NULL,
  api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
delete_adls_filesystem(endpoint, ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
delete_adls_filesystem(endpoint, name, confirm = TRUE, ...)

**Arguments**

- **endpoint**
  - Either an ADLSgen2 endpoint object as created by `storage_endpoint` or `adls_endpoint`, or a character string giving the URL of the endpoint.
  - `...`
  - Further arguments passed to lower-level functions.

- **key, token, sas**
  - If an endpoint object is not supplied, authentication credentials: either an access key, an Azure Active Directory (AAD) token, or a SAS, in that order of priority. Currently the sas argument is unused.

- **api_version**
  - If an endpoint object is not supplied, the storage API version to use when interacting with the host. Currently defaults to "2019-07-07".

- **name**
  - The name of the filesystem to get, create, or delete.
**Details**

You can call these functions in a couple of ways: by passing the full URL of the filesystem, or by passing the endpoint object and the name of the filesystem as a string.

If authenticating via AAD, you can supply the token either as a string, or as an object of class AzureToken, created via AzureRMR::get_azure_token. The latter is the recommended way of doing it, as it allows for automatic refreshing of expired tokens.

**Value**

For adls_filesystem and create_adls_filesystem, an S3 object representing an existing or created filesystem respectively.

For list_adls_filesystems, a list of such objects.

**See Also**

storage_endpoint, az_storage, storage_container

**Examples**

```r
# Not run:

dup <- adls_endpoint("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")

# list ADLSgen2 filesystems
list_adls_filesystems(dup)

# get, create, and delete a filesystem
adls_filesystem(dup, "myfs")
create_adls_filesystem(dup, "newfs")
delete_adls_filesystem(dup, "newfs")

# alternative way to do the same
adls_filesystem("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/myfs", key="access_key")
create_adls_filesystem("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/newfs", key="access_key")
delete_adls_filesystem("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/newfs", key="access_key")

# End(Not run)
```
Description

Class representing a storage account, exposing methods for working with it.

Methods

The following methods are available, in addition to those provided by the AzureRMR::az_resource class:

- **new(...)**: Initialize a new storage object. See 'Initialization'.
- **list_keys()**: Return the access keys for this account.
- **get_account_sas(...)**: Return an account shared access signature (SAS). See 'Creating a shared access signature' below.
- **get_user_delegation_key(...)**: Returns a key that can be used to construct a user delegation SAS.
- **get_user_delegation_sas(...)**: Return a user delegation SAS.
- **revoke_user_delegation_keys()**: Revokes all user delegation keys for the account. This also renders all SAS’s obtained via such keys invalid.
- **get_blob_endpoint(key, sas)**: Return the account’s blob storage endpoint, along with an access key and/or a SAS. See 'Endpoints' for more details
- **get_file_endpoint(key, sas)**: Return the account’s file storage endpoint.
- **regen_key(key)**: Regenerates (creates a new value for) an access key. The argument key can be 1 or 2.

Initialization

Initializing a new object of this class can either retrieve an existing storage account, or create an account on the host. Generally, the best way to initialize an object is via the get_storage_account, create_storage_account or list_storage_accounts methods of the az_resource_group class, which handle the details automatically.

Creating a shared access signature

Note that you don’t need to worry about this section if you have been given a SAS, and only want to use it to access storage.

AzureStor supports generating three kinds of SAS: account, service and user delegation. An account SAS can be used with any type of storage. A service SAS can be used with blob and file storage, while a user delegation SAS can be used with blob and ADLS2 storage.

To create an account SAS, call the get_account_sas() method. This has the following signature:

```r
get_account_sas(key=self$list_keys()[1], start=NULL, expiry=NULL, services="bqtf", permissions="rl", resource_types="sco", ip=NULL, protocol=NULL)
```
To create a service SAS, call the `get_service_sas()` method, which has the following signature:

```
get_service_sas(key=self$list_keys()[1], resource, service, start=NULL, expiry=NULL, permissions="r",
    resource_type=NULL, ip=NULL, protocol=NULL, policy=NULL, snapshot_time=NULL)
```

To create a user delegation SAS, you must first create a user delegation key. This takes the place of the account’s access key in generating the SAS. The `get_user_delegation_key()` method has the following signature:

```
get_user_delegation_key(token=self$token, key_start=NULL, key_expiry=NULL)
```

Once you have a user delegation key, you can use it to obtain a user delegation SAS. The `get_user_delegation_sas()` method has the following signature:

```
get_user_delegation_sas(key, resource, start=NULL, expiry=NULL, permissions="rl",
    resource_type="c", ip=NULL, protocol=NULL, snapshot_time=NULL)
```

(Note that the key argument for this method is the user delegation key, not the account key.)

To invalidate all user delegation keys, as well as the SAS’s generated with them, call the `revoke_user_delegation_keys()` method. This has the following signature:

```
revoke_user_delegation_keys()
```

See the Shared access signatures page for more information about this topic.

### Endpoints

The client-side interaction with a storage account is via an endpoint. A storage account can have several endpoints, one for each type of storage supported: blob, file, queue and table.

The client-side interface in AzureStor is implemented using S3 classes. This is for consistency with other data access packages in R, which mostly use S3. It also emphasises the distinction between Resource Manager (which is for interacting with the storage account itself) and the client (which is for accessing files and data stored in the account).

To create a storage endpoint independently of Resource Manager (for example if you are a user without admin or owner access to the account), use the `blob_endpoint` or `file_endpoint` functions.

If a storage endpoint is created without an access key and SAS, only public (anonymous) access is possible.

### See Also

- `blob_endpoint`, `file_endpoint`, `create_storage_account`, `get_storage_account`, `delete_storage_account`, `Date`, `POSIXt`
- Azure Storage Provider API reference, Azure Storage Services API reference
- Create an account SAS, Create a user delegation SAS, Create a service SAS
## Not run:

# recommended way of retrieving a resource: via a resource group object
stor <- resgroup$get_storage_account("mystorage")

# list account access keys
stor$list_keys()

# regenerate a key
stor$regen_key(1)

# storage endpoints
stor$get_blob_endpoint()
stor$get_file_endpoint()

## End(Not run)

### blob_container

**Operations on a blob endpoint**

#### Description

Get, list, create, or delete blob containers.

#### Usage

`blob_container(endpoint, ...)`

```r
## S3 method for class 'character'
blob_container(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL,
               sas = NULL, api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
blob_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
print(x, ...)
```

```r
list_blob_containers(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
list_blob_containers(endpoint, key = NULL,
                      token = NULL, sas = NULL,
                      api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
```
list_blob_containers(endpoint, ...)
create_blob_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
create_blob_container(endpoint, key = NULL,
    token = NULL, sas = NULL,
    api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
create_blob_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
create_blob_container(endpoint, name,
    public_access = c("none", "blob", "container"), ...)
delete_blob_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
delete_blob_container(endpoint, key = NULL,
    token = NULL, sas = NULL,
    api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
delete_blob_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
delete_blob_container(endpoint, name, confirm = TRUE, lease = NULL, ...)

Arguments

endpoint Either a blob endpoint object as created by storage_endpoint, or a character
    string giving the URL of the endpoint.
...
Further arguments passed to lower-level functions.
key, token, sas
    If an endpoint object is not supplied, authentication credentials: either an access
    key, an Azure Active Directory (AAD) token, or a SAS, in that order of priority.
    If no authentication credentials are provided, only public (anonymous) access to
    the share is possible.
api_version
    If an endpoint object is not supplied, the storage API version to use when interacting
    with the host. Currently defaults to "2019-07-07".
name The name of the blob container to get, create, or delete.
x
    For the print method, a blob container object.
public_access
    For creating a container, the level of public access to allow.
confirm
    For deleting a container, whether to ask for confirmation.
lease
    For deleting a leased container, the lease ID.
Details

You can call these functions in a couple of ways: by passing the full URL of the share, or by passing
the endpoint object and the name of the container as a string.

If authenticating via AAD, you can supply the token either as a string, or as an object of class
AzureToken, created via AzureRMR::get_azure_token. The latter is the recommended way of doing
it, as it allows for automatic refreshing of expired tokens.

Value

For blob_container and create_blob_container, an S3 object representing an existing or cre-
ated container respectively.

For list_blob_containers, a list of such objects.

See Also

storage_endpoint, az_storage, storage_container

Examples

```r
## Not run:

endp <- blob_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")

# list containers
list_blob_containers(endp)

# get, create, and delete a container
blob_container(endp, "mycontainer")
create_blob_container(endp, "newcontainer")
delete_blob_container(endp, "newcontainer")

# alternative way to do the same
blob_container("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/mycontainer", key="access_key")
create_blob_container("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/newcontainer", key="access_key")
delete_blob_container("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/newcontainer", key="access_key")

# authenticating via AAD
token <- AzureRMR::get_azure_token(resource="https://storage.azure.com/",
          tenant="myaadtenant",
          app="myappid",
          password="mypassword")
blob_container("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/mycontainer", token=token)

## End(Not run)
```
call_azcopy

Call the azcopy file transfer utility

Description

Call the azcopy file transfer utility

Usage

call_azcopy(..., env = NULL,
    silent =getOption("azure_storage_azcopy_silent", FALSE))

Arguments

... Arguments to pass to AzCopy on the commandline. If no arguments are supplied, a help screen is printed.

e env A named character vector of environment variables to set for AzCopy.
s silent Whether to print the output from AzCopy to the screen; also sets whether an error return code from AzCopy will be propagated to an R error. Defaults to the value of the azure_storage_azcopy_silent option, or FALSE if this is unset.

Details

AzureStor has the ability to use the Microsoft AzCopy commandline utility to transfer files. To enable this, ensure the processx package is installed and set the argument use_azcopy=TRUE in any call to an upload or download function; AzureStor will then call AzCopy to perform the file transfer rather than relying on its own code. You can also call AzCopy directly with the call_azcopy function.

AzureStor requires version 10 or later of AzCopy. The first time you try to run it, AzureStor will check that the version of AzCopy is correct, and throw an error if it is version 8 or earlier.

The AzCopy utility must be in your path for AzureStor to find it. Note that unlike earlier versions, Azcopy 10 is a single, self-contained binary file that can be placed in any directory.

Value

A list, invisibly, with the following components:

- status: The exit status of the AzCopy command. If this is NA, then the process was killed and had no exit status.
- stdout: The standard output of the command.
- stderr: The standard error of the command.
- timeout: Whether AzCopy was killed because of a timeout.
### Examples

```r
## Not run:

endp <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net", sas="mysas")
cont <- storage_container(endp, "mycontainer")

# print various help screens
call_azcopy("help")
call_azcopy("help", "copy")

# calling azcopy to download a blob
storage_download(cont, "myblob.csv", use_azcopy=TRUE)

# calling azcopy directly (must specify the SAS explicitly in the source URL)
call_azcopy("copy",
  "https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/mycontainer/myblob.csv?mysas",
  "myblob.csv")

## End(Not run)
```

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**copy_url_to_storage**  
Upload and download generics

### Description

Upload and download generics

### Usage

```r
copy_url_to_storage(container, src, dest, ...)
```

```r
multicopy_url_to_storage(container, src, dest, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
copy_url_to_storage(container, src, dest, ...)
```

```r
## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
multicopy_url_to_storage(container, src, dest, ...)
```

```r
storage_upload(container, ...)
```
## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
storage_upload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
storage_upload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
storage_upload(container, ...)

storage_multiupload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
storage_multiupload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
storage_multiupload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
storage_multiupload(container, ...)

storage_download(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
storage_download(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
storage_download(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
storage_download(container, ...)

storage_multidownload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
storage_multidownload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
storage_multidownload(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
storage_multidownload(container, ...)

download_from_url(src, dest, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL, ..., overwrite = FALSE)

upload_to_url(src, dest, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL, ...)

Arguments

container A storage container object.
src, dest For upload_to_url and download_from_url, the source and destination files
to transfer.
... Further arguments to pass to lower-level functions.
key, token, sas Authentication arguments: an access key, Azure Active Directory (AAD) token
or a shared access signature (SAS). If multiple arguments are supplied, a key
takes priority over a token, which takes priority over a SAS. For upload_to_url
and download_to_url, you can also provide a SAS as part of the URL itself.
overwrite For downloading, whether to overwrite any destination files that exist.

Details

copy_url_to_storage transfers the contents of the file at the specified HTTP[S] URL directly to
storage, without requiring a temporary local copy to be made. multicopy_url_to_storage does
the same, for multiple URLs at once. Currently methods for these are only implemented for blob
storage.

These functions allow you to transfer files to and from a storage account.

storage_upload, storage_download, storage_multiupload and storage_multidownload take
as first argument a storage container, either for blob storage, file storage, or ADLSgen2. They dis-
patch to the corresponding file transfer functions for the given storage type.

upload_to_url and download_to_url allow you to transfer a file to or from Azure storage, given
the URL of the source or destination. The storage details (endpoint, container name, and so on) are
obtained from the URL.

By default, the upload and download functions will display a progress bar while they are downloading. To turn this off, use options(azure_storage_progress_bar=FALSE). To turn the progress
bar back on, use options(azure_storage_progress_bar=TRUE).

See Also

storage_container, blob_container, file_share, adls_filesystem
download_blob, download_azure_file, download_adls_file, call_azcopy

Examples

## Not run:

# download from blob storage
bl <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")
cont <- storage_container(bl, "mycontainer")
storage_download(cont, "bigfile.zip", "~/bigfile.zip")

# same download but directly from the URL
download_from_url("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/mycontainer/bigfile.zip",
 "~/bigfile.zip",
 key="access_key")
create_storage_account

# upload to ADLSgen2
ad <- storage_endpoint("https://myadls.dfs.core.windows.net/", token=mytoken)
cont <- storage_container(ad, "myfilesystem")
create_storage_dir(cont, "newdir")
storage_upload(cont, "files.zip", "newdir/files.zip")

# same upload but directly to the URL
upload_to_url("files.zip",
              "https://myadls.dfs.core.windows.net/myfilesystem/newdir/files.zip",
              token=mytoken)

## End(Not run)

create_storage_account

Create Azure storage account

Description

Method for the AzureRMR::az_resource_group class.

Usage

create_storage_account(name, location, kind = "StorageV2", replication = "Standard_LRS",
                       access_tier = "hot"), https_only = TRUE,
                       hierarchical_namespace_enabled = FALSE, properties = list(), ...)

Arguments

• name: The name of the storage account.
• location: The location/region in which to create the account. Defaults to the resource group location.
• kind: The type of account, either "StorageV2" (the default), "FileStorage" or "BlobStorage".
• replication: The replication strategy for the account. The default is locally-redundant storage (LRS).
• access_tier: The access tier, either "hot" or "cool", for blobs.
• https_only: Whether a HTTPS connection is required to access the storage.
• hierarchical_namespace_enabled: Whether to enable hierarchical namespaces, which are a feature of Azure Data Lake Storage Gen 2 and provide more an efficient way to manage storage. See 'Details' below.
• properties: A list of other properties for the storage account.
• ... Other named arguments to pass to the az_storage initialization function.
create_storage_account

Details

This method deploys a new storage account resource, with parameters given by the arguments. A storage account can host multiple types of storage:

- blob storage
- file storage
- table storage
- queue storage
- Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2

Accounts created with `kind = "BlobStorage"` can only host blob storage, while those with `kind = "FileStorage"` can only host file storage. Accounts with `kind = "StorageV2"` can host all types of storage. Currently, AzureStor provides an R interface to ADLSgen2, blob and file storage.

Currently (as of October 2019), if hierarchical namespaces are enabled, the blob API for the account is disabled. The blob endpoint is still accessible, but blob operations on the endpoint will fail. Full interoperability between blobs and ADLSgen2 is planned for later in 2019.

Value

An object of class `az_storage` representing the created storage account.

See Also

`get_storage_account`, `delete_storage_account`, `az_storage`

Azure Storage documentation, Azure Storage Provider API reference, Azure Data Lake Storage hierarchical namespaces

Examples

```r
# Not run:

rg <- AzureRMR::az_rm$
  new(tenant="myaadtenant.onmicrosoft.com", app="app_id", password="password")$
  get_subscription("subscription_id")$
  get_resource_group("rgname")

# create a new storage account
rg$create_storage_account("mystorage", kind="StorageV2")

# create a blob storage account in a different region
rg$create_storage_account("myblobstorage",
  location="australiasoutheast",
  kind="BlobStorage")

# End(Not run)
```
delete_storage_account

Delete an Azure storage account

Description

Method for the AzureRMR::az_resource_group class.

Usage

delete_storage_account(name, confirm=TRUE, wait=FALSE)

Arguments

- name: The name of the storage account.
- confirm: Whether to ask for confirmation before deleting.
- wait: Whether to wait until the deletion is complete.

Value

NULL on successful deletion.

See Also

create_storage_account, get_storage_account, az_storage, Azure Storage Provider API reference

Examples

## Not run:

rg <- AzureRMR::az_rm$
   new(tenant="myaadtenant.onmicrosoft.com", app="app_id", password="password")$
   get_subscription("subscription_id")$
   get_resource_group("rgname")

# delete a storage account
rg$delete_storage_account("mystorage")

## End(Not run)
do_container_op

Carry out operations on a storage account container or endpoint

Description

Carry out operations on a storage account container or endpoint

Usage

```r
do_container_op(container, operation = "", options = list(),
headers = list(), http_verb = "GET", ...)
call_storage_endpoint(endpoint, path, options = list(), headers = list(),
body = NULL, ..., http_verb = c("GET", "DELETE", "PUT", "POST", "HEAD", "PATCH"),
http_status_handler = c("stop", "warn", "message", "pass"),
timeout = getOption("azure_storage_timeout"), progress = NULL,
return_headers = (http_verb == "HEAD"))
```

Arguments

- **container, endpoint**
  
  For `do_container_op`, a storage container object (inheriting from `storage_container`).
  For `call_storage_endpoint`, a storage endpoint object (inheriting from `storage_endpoint`).

- **operation**
  
  The container operation to perform, which will form part of the URL path.

- **options**
  
  A named list giving the query parameters for the operation.

- **headers**
  
  A named list giving any additional HTTP headers to send to the host. Note that AzureStor will handle authentication details, so you don’t have to specify these here.

- **http_verb**
  
  The HTTP verb as a string, one of `GET`, `DELETE`, `PUT`, `POST`, `HEAD` or `PATCH`.

- **...**
  
  Any additional arguments to pass to `httr::VERB`.

- **path**
  
  The path component of the endpoint call.

- **body**
  
  The request body for a `PUT/POST/PATCH` call.

- **http_status_handler**
  
  The R handler for the HTTP status code of the response. "stop", "warn" or "message" will call the corresponding handlers in `httr`, while "pass" ignores the status code. The latter is primarily useful for debugging purposes.

- **timeout**
  
  Optionally, the number of seconds to wait for a result. If the timeout interval elapses before the storage service has finished processing the operation, it returns an error. The default timeout is taken from the system option `azure_storage_timeout`; if this is `NULL` it means to use the service default.

- **progress**
  
  Used by the file transfer functions, to display a progress bar.

- **return_headers**
  
  Whether to return the (parsed) response headers, rather than the body. Ignored if `http_status_handler="pass"`. 
Details

These functions form the low-level interface between R and the storage API. do_container_op constructs a path from the operation and the container name, and passes it and the other arguments to call_storage_endpoint.

Value

Based on the http_status_handler and return_headers arguments. If http_status_handler is "pass", the entire response is returned without modification.

If http_status_handler is one of "stop", "warn" or "message", the status code of the response is checked, and if an error is not thrown, the parsed headers or body of the response is returned. An exception is if the response was written to disk, as part of a file download; in this case, the return value is NULL.

See Also

blob_endpoint, file_endpoint, adls_endpoint
blob_container, file_share, adls_filesystem
httr::GET, httr::PUT, httr::POST, httr::PATCH, httr::HEAD, httr::DELETE

Examples

## Not run:

# get the metadata for a blob
bl_endp <- blob_endpoint("storage_acct_url", key="key")
cont <- storage_container(bl_endp, "containername")
do_container_op(cont, "filename.txt", options=list(comp="metadata"), http_verb="HEAD")

## End(Not run)
file_share

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
file_share(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
print(x, ...)

list_file_shares(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
list_file_shares(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL,
  sas = NULL, api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
list_file_shares(endpoint, ...)

create_file_share(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
create_file_share(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL,
  sas = NULL, api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
create_file_share(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
create_file_share(endpoint, name, ...)

delete_file_share(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
delete_file_share(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL,
  sas = NULL, api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
delete_file_share(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
delete_file_share(endpoint, name, confirm = TRUE, ...)

### Arguments

endpoint
- Either a file endpoint object as created by `storage_endpoint`, or a character string giving the URL of the endpoint.

...  
- Further arguments passed to lower-level functions.

key, token, sas
- If an endpoint object is not supplied, authentication credentials: either an access key, an Azure Active Directory (AAD) token, or a SAS, in that order of priority.

api_version
- If an endpoint object is not supplied, the storage API version to use when interacting with the host. Currently defaults to "2019-07-07".
get_account_sas

name  The name of the file share to get, create, or delete.
x    For the print method, a file share object.
confirm  For deleting a share, whether to ask for confirmation.

Details

You can call these functions in a couple of ways: by passing the full URL of the share, or by passing
the endpoint object and the name of the share as a string.

Value

For file_share and create_file_share, an S3 object representing an existing or created share
respectively.
For list_file_shares, a list of such objects.

See Also

storage_endpoint, az_storage, storage_container

Examples

```r
## Not run:

endp <- file_endpoint("https://mystorage.file.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")

# list file shares
list_file_shares(endp)

# get, create, and delete a file share
file_share(endp, "myshare")
create_file_share(endp, "newshare")
delete_file_share(endp, "newshare")

# alternative way to do the same
file_share("https://mystorage.file.file.windows.net/myshare", key="access_key")
create_file_share("https://mystorage.file.core.windows.net/newshare", key="access_key")
delete_file_share("https://mystorage.file.core.windows.net/newshare", key="access_key")

## End(Not run)
```

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generate_shared_access_signatures

Description

The simplest way for a user to access files and data in a storage account is to give them the account’s
access key. This gives them full control of the account, and so may be a security risk. An alternative
is to provide the user with a *shared access signature* (SAS), which limits access to specific resources
and only for a set length of time. There are three kinds of SAS: account, service and user delegation.
Usage

get_account_sas(account, ...)

## S3 method for class 'az_storage'
get_account_sas(account, key = account$list_keys()[1], ...)

## S3 method for class 'storage_endpoint'
get_account_sas(account, key = account$key, ...)

## Default S3 method:
get_account_sas(account, key, start = NULL,
    expiry = NULL, services = "bqtf", permissions = "rl",
    resource_types = "sco", ip = NULL, protocol = NULL,
    auth_api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

get_user_delegation_key(account, ...)

## S3 method for class 'az_resource'
get_user_delegation_key(account, token = account$token, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
get_user_delegation_key(account,
    token = account$token, key_start = NULL, key_expiry = NULL, ...)

revoke_user_delegation_keys(account)

## S3 method for class 'az_storage'
revoke_user_delegation_keys(account)

generate_user_delegation_sas(account, ...)

## S3 method for class 'az_storage'
generate_user_delegation_sas(account, key, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
generate_user_delegation_sas(account, key, ...)

## Default S3 method:
generate_user_delegation_sas(account, key, resource,
    start = NULL, expiry = NULL, permissions = "rl", resource_type = "c",
    ip = NULL, protocol = NULL, snapshot_time = NULL,
    directory_depth = NULL,
    auth_api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)

generate_service_sas(account, ...)

## S3 method for class 'az_storage'
generate_service_sas(account, resource, service = c("blob",
    ...,
get_account_sas

"file")

## S3 method for class 'storage_endpoint'
get_service_sas(account, resource, key = account$key, ...)

## Default S3 method:
get_service_sas(account, resource, key, service,
start = NULL, expiry = NULL, permissions = "rl",
resource_type = NULL, ip = NULL, protocol = NULL, policy = NULL,
snapshot_time = NULL, directory_depth = NULL,
auth_api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"), ...)
For get_user_delegation_sas and get_service_sas, the resource for which the SAS is valid. Both types of SAS allow this to be either a blob container, a directory or an individual blob; the resource should be specified in the form containername[/dirname[/blobname]]. A service SAS can also be used with file shares and files, in which case the resource should be of the form sharename[/path-to-filename].

For a service or user delegation SAS, the type of resource for which the SAS is valid. For blob storage, the default value is "b" meaning a single blob. For file storage, the default value is "f" meaning a single file. Other possible values include "bs" (a blob snapshot), "c" (a blob container), "d" (a directory in a blob container), or "s" (a file share). Note however that a user delegation SAS only supports blob storage.

For a user delegation or service SAS, the blob snapshot for which the SAS is valid. Only required if resource_type[s]="bs".

For a service SAS, the depth of the directory, starting at 0 for the root. This is required if resource_type="d" and the account has a hierarchical namespace enabled.

For a service SAS, the storage service for which the SAS is valid: either "blob" or "file". Currently AzureStor does not support creating a service SAS for queue or table storage.

For a service SAS, optionally the name of a stored access policy to correlate the SAS with. Revoking the policy will also invalidate the SAS.

Listed here are S3 generics and methods to obtain a SAS for accessing storage; in addition, the az_storage resource class has R6 methods for get_account_sas, get_service_sas, get_user_delegation_key and revoke_user_delegation_keys which simply call the corresponding S3 method.

Note that you don’t need to worry about these methods if you have been given a SAS, and only want to use it to access a storage account.

An account SAS is secured with the storage account key. An account SAS delegates access to resources in one or more of the storage services. All of the operations available via a user delegation SAS are also available via an account SAS. You can also delegate access to read, write, and delete operations on blob containers, tables, queues, and file shares. To obtain an account SAS, call get_account_sas.

A service SAS is like an account SAS, but allows finer-grained control of access. You can create a service SAS that allows access only to specific blobs in a container, or files in a file share. To obtain a service SAS, call get_service_sas.

A user delegation SAS is a SAS secured with Azure AD credentials. It’s recommended that you use Azure AD credentials when possible as a security best practice, rather than using the account key, which can be more easily compromised. When your application design requires shared access signatures, use Azure AD credentials to create a user delegation SAS for superior security.

Every SAS is signed with a key. To create a user delegation SAS, you must first request a user delegation key, which is then used to sign the SAS. The user delegation key is analogous to the account key used to sign a service SAS or an account SAS, except that it relies on your Azure AD
get_account_sas

get_account_sas

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credentials. To request the user delegation key, call get_user_delegation_key. With the user
delegation key, you can then create the SAS with get_user_delegation_sas.

To invalidate all user delegation keys, as well as the SAS's generated with them, call
revoke_user_delegation_keys.

See the examples and Microsoft Docs pages below for how to specify arguments like the services,
permissions, and resource types. Also, while not explicitly mentioned in the documentation, ADLS-
gen2 storage can use any SAS that is valid for blob storage.

See Also

blob_endpoint, file_endpoint, Date, POSIXt

Azure Storage Provider API reference, Azure Storage Services API reference
Create an account SAS, Create a user delegation SAS, Create a service SAS

Examples

# account SAS valid for 7 days
get_account_sas("mystorage", "access_key", start=Sys.Date(), expiry=Sys.Date() + 7)

# SAS with read/write/create/delete permissions
get_account_sas("mystorage", "access_key", permissions="rwcd")

# SAS limited to blob (+ADLS2) and file storage
get_account_sas("mystorage", "access_key", services="bf")

# SAS for file storage, allows access to files only (not shares)
get_account_sas("mystorage", "access_key", services="f", resource_types="o")

# getting the key from an endpoint object
endp <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net", key="access_key")
get_account_sas(endp, permissions="rwcd")

# service SAS for a container
get_service_sas(endp, "containernname")

# service SAS for a directory
get_service_sas(endp, "containernname/dirname")

# read/write service SAS for a blob
get_service_sas(endp, "containernname/blobname", permissions="rw")

## Not run:

# user delegation key valid for 24 hours
token <- AzureRMR::get_azure_token("https://storage.azure.com", "mytenant", "app_id")
endp <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net", token=token)
userkey <- get_user_delegation_key(endp, start=Sys.Date(), expiry=Sys.Date() + 1)

# user delegation SAS for a container
get_user_delegation_sas(endp, userkey, resource="mycontainer")

# user delegation SAS for a specific file, read/write/create/delete access
get_storage_account

# (order of permissions is important!)
get_user_delegation_sas(endp, userkey, resource="mycontainer/myfile",
    resource_types="b", permissions="rcwd")

## End(Not run)

get_storage_account  Get existing Azure storage account(s)

Description

Methods for the AzureRMR::az_resource_group and AzureRMR::az_subscription classes.

Usage

get_storage_account(name)
list_storage_accounts()

Arguments

• name: For get_storage_account(), the name of the storage account.

Details

The AzureRMR::az_resource_group class has both get_storage_account() and list_storage_accounts() methods, while the AzureRMR::az_subscription class only has the latter.

Value

For get_storage_account(), an object of class az_storage representing the storage account.
For list_storage_accounts(), a list of such objects.

See Also

create_storage_account, delete_storage_account, az_storage, Azure Storage Provider API reference

Examples

## Not run:

rg <- AzureRMR::az_rm$
    new(tenant="myaadtenant.onmicrosoft.com", app="app_id", password="password")$
    get_subscription("subscription_id")$
    get_resource_group("rgname")$

# get a storage account
rg$get_storage_account("mystorage")

get_storage_metadata  Get/set user-defined metadata for a storage object

Description
Get/set user-defined metadata for a storage object

Usage
get_storage_metadata(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
get_storage_metadata(object, blob, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
get_storage_metadata(object, file, isdir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
get_storage_metadata(object, file, ...)

set_storage_metadata(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
set_storage_metadata(object, blob, ..., keep_existing = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
set_storage_metadata(object, file, isdir, ..., keep_existing = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
set_storage_metadata(object, file, ..., keep_existing = TRUE)

Arguments
object A blob container, file share or ADLS filesystem object.
... For the metadata setters, name-value pairs to set as metadata for a blob or file.
blob, file Optionally the name of an individual blob, file or directory within a container.
isdir For the file share method, whether the file argument is a file or directory. If omitted, get_storage_metadata will auto-detect the type; however this can be slow, so supply this argument if possible.
keep_existing For the metadata setters, whether to retain existing metadata information.

Details
These methods let you get and set user-defined properties (metadata) for storage objects.
Value

`get_storage_metadata` returns a named list of metadata properties. If the blob or file argument is present, the properties will be for the blob/file specified. If this argument is omitted, the properties will be for the container itself.

`set_storage_metadata` returns the same list after setting the object’s metadata, invisibly.

See Also

`blob_container`, `file_share`, `adls_filesystem`

`get_storage_properties` for standard properties

Examples

```r
## Not run:

fs <- storage_container("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/myshare", key="access_key")
create_storage_dir("newdir")
storage_upload(share, "iris.csv", "newdir/iris.csv")

set_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv", name1="value1")
# will be list(name="value1")
get_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")

set_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv", name2="value2")
# will be list(name1="value1", name2="value2")
get_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")

set_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv", name3="value3", keep_existing=FALSE)
# will be list(name3="value3")
get_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")

# deleting all metadata
set_storage_metadata(fs, "newdir/iris.csv", keep_existing=FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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`get_storage_properties`

*Get storage properties for an object*

Description

Get storage properties for an object
get_storage_properties

Usage

get_storage_properties(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
get_storage_properties(object, blob, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
get_storage_properties(object, file, isdir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
get_storage_properties(object, file, ...)

get_adls_file_acl(filesystem, file)
get_adls_file_status(filesystem, file)

Arguments

object A blob container, file share, or ADLS filesystem object.
... For compatibility with the generic.
blob, file Optionally the name of an individual blob, file or directory within a container.
isdir For the file share method, whether the file argument is a file or directory. If omitted, get_storage_properties will auto-detect the type; however this can be slow, so supply this argument if possible.
filesystem An ADLS filesystem.

Value

get_storage_properties returns a list describing the object properties. If the blob or file argument is present for the container methods, the properties will be for the blob/file specified. If this argument is omitted, the properties will be for the container itself.
get_adls_file_acl returns a string giving the ADLSgen2 ACL for the file.
get_adls_file_status returns a list of ADLSgen2 system properties for the file.

See Also

blob_container, file_share, adls_filesystem
get_storage_metadata for getting and setting user-defined properties (metadata)

Examples

## Not run:

fs <- storage_container("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/myshare", key="access_key")
create_storage_dir("newdir")
storage_upload(share, "iris.csv", "newdir/iris.csv")
get_storage_properties(fs)
get_storage_properties(fs, "newdir")
get_storage_properties(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")

# these are ADLS only
get_adls_file_acl(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")
get_adls_file_status(fs, "newdir/iris.csv")

## End(Not run)

### list_adls_files

**Operations on an Azure Data Lake Storage Gen2 filesystem**

**Description**

Upload, download, or delete a file; list files in a directory; create or delete directories; check file existence.

**Usage**

```r
list_adls_files(filesystem, dir = "/", info = c("all", "name"),
                recursive = FALSE)
```

```r
multiupload_adls_file(filesystem, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
                       blocksize = 2^22, lease = NULL, put_md5 = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE,
                       max_concurrent_transfers = 10)
```

```r
upload_adls_file(filesystem, src, dest = basename(src), blocksize = 2^24,
                 lease = NULL, put_md5 = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE)
```

```r
multidownload_adls_file(filesystem, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
                         blocksize = 2^24, overwrite = FALSE, check_md5 = FALSE,
                         use_azcopy = FALSE, max_concurrent_transfers = 10)
```

```r
download_adls_file(filesystem, src, dest = basename(src), blocksize = 2^24,
                    overwrite = FALSE, check_md5 = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE)
```

```r
delete_adls_file(filesystem, file, confirm = TRUE)
```

```r
create_adls_dir(filesystem, dir)
```

```r
delete_adls_dir(filesystem, dir, recursive = FALSE, confirm = TRUE)
```

```r
adls_file_exists(filesystem, file)
```
list_adls_files

Arguments

filesystem: An ADLSGen2 filesystem object.
dir, file: A string naming a directory or file respectively.
info: Whether to return names only, or all information in a directory listing.
recursive: For the multiupload/download functions, whether to recursively transfer files in subdirectories. For list_adls_files, and delete_adls_dir, whether the operation should recurse through subdirectories. For delete_adls_dir, this must be TRUE to delete a non-empty directory.
src, dest: The source and destination paths/files for uploading and downloading. See 'Details' below.
blocksize: The number of bytes to upload/download per HTTP(S) request.
lease: The lease for a file, if present.
put_md5: For uploading, whether to compute the MD5 hash of the file(s). This will be stored as part of the file’s properties.
use_azcopy: Whether to use the AzCopy utility from Microsoft to do the transfer, rather than doing it in R.
max_concurrent_transfers: For multiupload_adls_file and multidownload_adls_file, the maximum number of concurrent file transfers. Each concurrent file transfer requires a separate R process, so limit this if you are low on memory.
overwrite: When downloading, whether to overwrite an existing destination file.
check_md5: For downloading, whether to verify the MD5 hash of the downloaded file(s). This requires that the file’s Content-MD5 property is set. If this is TRUE and the Content-MD5 property is missing, a warning is generated.
confirm: Whether to ask for confirmation on deleting a file or directory.

Details

upload_adls_file and download_adls_file are the workhorse file transfer functions for ADLS-gen2 storage. They each take as inputs a single filename as the source for uploading/downloading, and a single filename as the destination. Alternatively, for uploading, src can be a textConnection or rawConnection object; and for downloading, dest can be NULL or a rawConnection object. If dest is NULL, the downloaded data is returned as a raw vector, and if a raw connection, it will be placed into the connection. See the examples below.

multiupload_adls_file and multidownload_adls_file are functions for uploading and downloading multiple files at once. They parallelise file transfers by using the background process pool provided by AzureRMR, which can lead to significant efficiency gains when transferring many small files. There are two ways to specify the source and destination for these functions:

- Both src and dest can be vectors naming the individual source and destination pathnames.
- The src argument can be a wildcard pattern expanding to one or more files, with dest naming a destination directory. In this case, if recursive is true, the file transfer will replicate the source directory structure at the destination.

upload_adls_file and download_adls_file can display a progress bar to track the file transfer. You can control whether to display this with options(azure_storage_progress_bar=TRUE|FALSE); the default is TRUE.
Value

For `list_adls_files`, if `info="name"`, a vector of file/directory names. If `info="all"`, a data frame giving the file size and whether each object is a file or directory.

For `download_adls_file`, if `dest=NULL`, the contents of the downloaded file as a raw vector.

For `adls_file_exists`, either TRUE or FALSE.

AzCopy

`upload_azure_file` and `download_azure_file` have the ability to use the AzCopy commandline utility to transfer files, instead of native R code. This can be useful if you want to take advantage of AzCopy’s logging and recovery features; it may also be faster in the case of transferring a very large number of small files. To enable this, set the `use_azcopy` argument to TRUE.

Note that AzCopy only supports SAS and AAD (OAuth) token as authentication methods. AzCopy also expects a single filename or wildcard spec as its source/destination argument, not a vector of filenames or a connection.

See Also

`adls_filesystem`, `az_storage`, `storage_download`, `call_azcopy`

Examples

```r
## Not run:

fs <- adls_filesystem("https://mystorage.dfs.core.windows.net/myfilesystem", key="access_key")

list_adls_files(fs, "/")
list_adls_files(fs, "/", recursive=TRUE)

create_adls_dir(fs, "/newdir")

upload_adls_file(fs, "~/bigfile.zip", dest="~/newdir/bigfile.zip")
download_adls_file(fs, "~/newdir/bigfile.zip", dest="~/bigfile_downloaded.zip")

delete_adls_file(fs, "~/newdir/bigfile.zip")
delete_adls_dir(fs, "~/newdir")

# uploading/downloading multiple files at once
multiupload_adls_file(fs, "/data/logfiles/*.*)
multidownload_adls_file(fs, "/monthly/Jan*.*", "/data/january")

# you can also pass a vector of file/pathnames as the source and destination
src <- c("file1.csv", "file2.csv", "file3.csv")
dest <- paste0("uploaded_", src)
multiupload_adls_file(share, src, dest)

# uploading serialized R objects via connections
json <- jsonlite::toJSON(iris, pretty=TRUE, auto_unbox=TRUE)
con <- textConnection(json)
upload_adls_file(fs, con, "iris.json")
```
```r
drs <- serialize(iris, NULL)
con <- rawConnection(rds)
upload_adls_file(fs, con, "iris.rds")

# downloading files into memory: as a raw vector, and via a connection
rawvec <- download_adls_file(fs, "iris.json", NULL)
rawToChar(rawvec)

con <- rawConnection(raw(0), "r+")
download_adls_file(fs, "iris.rds", con)
unserialize(con)

## End(Not run)
```

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### list_azure_files

**Operations on a file share**

**Description**

Upload, download, or delete a file; list files in a directory; create or delete directories; check file existence.

**Usage**

```r
list_azure_files(share, dir = "/", info = c("all", "name"),
  prefix = NULL, recursive = FALSE)
```

```r
upload_azure_file(share, src, dest = basename(src), create_dir = FALSE,
  blocksize = 2^22, put_md5 = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE)
```

```r
multiupload_azure_file(share, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
  create_dir = recursive, blocksize = 2^22, put_md5 = FALSE,
  use_azcopy = FALSE, max_concurrent_transfers = 10)
```

```r
download_azure_file(share, src, dest = basename(src), blocksize = 2^22,
  overwrite = FALSE, check_md5 = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE)
```

```r
multidownload_azure_file(share, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
  blocksize = 2^22, overwrite = FALSE, check_md5 = FALSE,
  use_azcopy = FALSE, max_concurrent_transfers = 10)
```

```r
delete_azure_file(share, file, confirm = TRUE)
```

```r
create_azure_dir(share, dir, recursive = FALSE)
```

```r
delete_azure_dir(share, dir, recursive = FALSE, confirm = TRUE)
```
azure_file_exists(share, file)

**Arguments**

- **share**: A file share object.
- **dir, file**: A string naming a directory or file respectively.
- **info**: Whether to return names only, or all information in a directory listing.
- **prefix**: For `list_azure_files`, filters the result to return only files and directories whose name begins with this prefix.
- **recursive**: For the multiupload/download functions, whether to recursively transfer files in subdirectories. For `list_azure_dir`, whether to include the contents of any subdirectories in the listing. For `create_azure_dir`, whether to recursively create each component of a nested directory path. For `delete_azure_dir`, whether to delete a subdirectory’s contents first (not yet supported). Note that in all cases this can be slow, so try to use a non-recursive solution if possible.
- **src, dest**: The source and destination files for uploading and downloading. See 'Details' below.
- **create_dir**: For the uploading functions, whether to create the destination directory if it doesn’t exist. Again for the file storage API this can be slow, hence is optional.
- **blocksize**: The number of bytes to upload/download per HTTP(S) request.
- **put_md5**: For uploading, whether to compute the MD5 hash of the file(s). This will be stored as part of the file’s properties.
- **use_azcopy**: Whether to use the AzCopy utility from Microsoft to do the transfer, rather than doing it in R.
- **max_concurrent_transfers**: For `multiupload_azure_file` and `multidownload_azure_file`, the maximum number of concurrent file transfers. Each concurrent file transfer requires a separate R process, so limit this if you are low on memory.
- **overwrite**: When downloading, whether to overwrite an existing destination file.
- **check_md5**: For downloading, whether to verify the MD5 hash of the downloaded file(s). This requires that the file’s `Content-MD5` property is set. If this is TRUE and the `Content-MD5` property is missing, a warning is generated.
- **confirm**: Whether to ask for confirmation on deleting a file or directory.

**Details**

- `upload_azure_file` and `download_azure_file` are the workhorse file transfer functions for file storage. They each take as inputs a single filename as the source for uploading/downloading, and a single filename as the destination. Alternatively, for uploading, `src` can be a `textConnection` or `rawConnection` object; and for downloading, `dest` can be NULL or a `rawConnection` object. If `dest` is NULL, the downloaded data is returned as a raw vector, and if a raw connection, it will be placed into the connection. See the examples below.

- `multiupload_azure_file` and `multidownload_azure_file` are functions for uploading and downloading multiple files at once. They parallelise file transfers by using the background process pool.
list_azure_files

provided by AzureRMR, which can lead to significant efficiency gains when transferring many small files. There are two ways to specify the source and destination for these functions:

- Both src and dest can be vectors naming the individual source and destination pathnames.
- The src argument can be a wildcard pattern expanding to one or more files, with dest naming a destination directory. In this case, if recursive is true, the file transfer will replicate the source directory structure at the destination.

upload_azure_file and download_azure_file can display a progress bar to track the file transfer. You can control whether to display this with options(azure_storage_progress_bar=TRUE|FALSE); the default is TRUE.

Value

For list_azure_files, if info="name", a vector of file/directory names. If info="all", a data frame giving the file size and whether each object is a file or directory.

For download_azure_file, if dest=NULL, the contents of the downloaded file as a raw vector.

For azure_file_exists, either TRUE or FALSE.

AzCopy

upload_azure_file and download_azure_file have the ability to use the AzCopy commandline utility to transfer files, instead of native R code. This can be useful if you want to take advantage of AzCopy's logging and recovery features; it may also be faster in the case of transferring a very large number of small files. To enable this, set the use_azcopy argument to TRUE.

Note that AzCopy only supports SAS and AAD (OAuth) token as authentication methods. AzCopy also expects a single filename or wildcard spec as its source/destination argument, not a vector of filenames or a connection.

See Also

file_share, az_storage, storage_download, call_azcopy

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Examples

## Not run:

share <- file_share("https://mystorage.file.core.windows.net/myshare", key="access_key")

list_azure_files(share, "/")
list_azure_files(share, "/", recursive=TRUE)

create_azure_dir(share, "/newdir")

upload_azure_file(share, "/bigfile.zip", dest="/newdir/bigfile.zip")
download_azure_file(share, "/newdir/bigfile.zip", dest="/bigfile_downloaded.zip")

delete_azure_file(share, "/newdir/bigfile.zip")
delete_azure_dir(share, "/newdir")
# uploading/downloading multiple files at once
multiupload_azure_file(share, "/data/logfiles/*.zip")
multidownload_azure_file(share, "/monthly/jan*.", "/data/january")

# you can also pass a vector of file/pathnames as the source and destination
src <- c("file1.csv", "file2.csv", "file3.csv")
dest <- paste0("uploaded_", src)
multiupload_azure_file(share, src, dest)

# uploading serialized R objects via connections
json <- jsonlite::toJSON(iris, pretty=TRUE, auto_unbox=TRUE)
con <- textConnection(json)
upload_azure_file(share, con, "iris.json")

cds <- serialize(iris, NULL)
con <- rawConnection(cds)
upload_azure_file(share, con, "iris.rds")

# downloading files into memory: as a raw vector, and via a connection
rawvec <- download_azure_file(share, "iris.json", NULL)
rawToChar(rawvec)

con <- rawConnection(raw(0), "r+")
download_azure_file(share, "iris.rds", con)
unserialize(con)

## End(Not run)

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### list_blobs

**Operations on a blob container or blob**

**Description**

Upload, download, or delete a blob; list blobs in a container; create or delete directories; check blob availability.

**Usage**

```r
list_blobs(container, dir = "/", info = c("partial", "name", "all"),
prefix = NULL, recursive = TRUE)

upload_blob(container, src, dest = basename(src), type = c("BlockBlob",
"AppendBlob"), blocksize = if (type == "BlockBlob") 2^24 else 2^22,
lease = NULL, put_md5 = FALSE, append = FALSE, use_azcopy = FALSE)

multiupload_blob(container, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
type = c("BlockBlob", "AppendBlob"), blocksize = if (type == "BlockBlob")
```
list_blobs

2^24 else 2^22, lease = NULL, put_md5 = FALSE, append = FALSE,
use_azcopy = FALSE, max_concurrent_transfers = 10)

download_blob(container, src, dest = basename(src), blocksize = 2^24,
overwrite = FALSE, lease = NULL, check_md5 = FALSE,
use_azcopy = FALSE)

multidownload_blob(container, src, dest, recursive = FALSE,
blocksize = 2^24, overwrite = FALSE, lease = NULL, check_md5 = FALSE,
use_azcopy = FALSE, max_concurrent_transfers = 10)

delete_blob(container, blob, confirm = TRUE)

create_blob_dir(container, dir)

delete_blob_dir(container, dir, recursive = FALSE, confirm = TRUE)

blob_exists(container, blob)

copy_url_to_blob(container, src, dest, lease = NULL, async = FALSE)

multicopy_url_to_blob(container, src, dest, lease = NULL, async = FALSE,
max_concurrent_transfers = 10)

Arguments

container  A blob container object.

dir       For list_blobs, A string naming the directory. Note that blob storage does
not support real directories; this argument simply filters the result to return only
blobs whose names start with the given value.

info      For list_blobs, level of detail about each blob to return: a vector of names
only; the name, size, blob type, and whether this blob represents a directory; or
all information.

prefix    For list_blobs, an alternative way to specify the directory.

recursive For the multiupload/download functions, whether to recursively transfer files in
subdirectories. For list_blobs, whether to include the contents of any sub-
directories in the listing. For delete_blob_dir, whether to recursively delete
subdirectory contents as well (not yet supported).

src, dest  The source and destination files for uploading and downloading. See 'Details'
below.

type      When uploading, the type of blob to create. Currently only block and append
blobs are supported.

blocksize The number of bytes to upload/download per HTTP(S) request.

lease     The lease for a blob, if present.

put_md5   For uploading, whether to compute the MD5 hash of the blob(s). This will be
stored as part of the blob’s properties. Only used for block blobs.
append
When uploading, whether to append the uploaded data to the destination blob. Only has an effect if type="AppendBlob". If this is FALSE (the default) and the destination append blob exists, it is overwritten. If this is TRUE and the destination does not exist or is not an append blob, an error is thrown.

use_azcopy
Whether to use the AzCopy utility from Microsoft to do the transfer, rather than doing it in R.

max_concurrent_transfers
For multiupload_blob and multidownload_blob, the maximum number of concurrent file transfers. Each concurrent file transfer requires a separate R process, so limit this if you are low on memory.

overwrite
When downloading, whether to overwrite an existing destination file.

check_md5
For downloading, whether to verify the MD5 hash of the downloaded blob(s). This requires that the blob’s Content-MD5 property is set. If this is TRUE and the Content-MD5 property is missing, a warning is generated.

blob
A string naming a blob.

confirm
Whether to ask for confirmation on deleting a blob.

async
For copy_url_to_blob and multicopy_url_to_blob, whether the copy operation should be asynchronous (proceed in the background).

Details
upload_blob and download_blob are the workhorse file transfer functions for blobs. They each take as inputs a single filename as the source for uploading/downloading, and a single filename as the destination. Alternatively, for uploading, src can be a textConnection or rawConnection object; and for downloading, dest can be NULL or a rawConnection object. If dest is NULL, the downloaded data is returned as a raw vector, and if a raw connection, it will be placed into the connection. See the examples below.

multiupload_blob and multidownload_blob are functions for uploading and downloading multiple files at once. They parallelise file transfers by using the background process pool provided by AzureRMR, which can lead to significant efficiency gains when transferring many small files. There are two ways to specify the source and destination for these functions:

- Both src and dest can be vectors naming the individual source and destination pathnames.
- The src argument can be a wildcard pattern expanding to one or more files, with dest naming a destination directory. In this case, if recursive is true, the file transfer will replicate the source directory structure at the destination.

upload_blob and download_blob can display a progress bar to track the file transfer. You can control whether to display this with options(azure_storage_progress_bar=TRUE|FALSE); the default is TRUE.

multiupload_blob can upload files either as all block blobs or all append blobs, but not a mix of both.

copy_url_to_blob transfers the contents of the file at the specified HTTP[S] URL directly to blob storage, without requiring a temporary local copy to be made. multicopy_url_to_blob does the same, for multiple URLs at once. These functions have a current file size limit of 256MB.
list_blobs

Value
For list_blobs, details on the blobs in the container. For download_blob, if dest=NULL, the contents of the downloaded blob as a raw vector. For blob_exists a flag whether the blob exists.

AzCopy
upload_blob and download_blob have the ability to use the AzCopy commandline utility to transfer files, instead of native R code. This can be useful if you want to take advantage of AzCopy’s logging and recovery features; it may also be faster in the case of transferring a very large number of small files. To enable this, set the use_azcopy argument to TRUE.

The following points should be noted about AzCopy:

- It only supports SAS and AAD (OAuth) token as authentication methods. AzCopy also expects a single filename or wildcard spec as its source/destination argument, not a vector of filenames or a connection.
- Currently, it does not support appending data to existing blobs.

Directories
Blob storage does not have true directories, instead using filenames containing a separator character (typically '/') to mimic a directory structure. This has some consequences:

- The isdir column in the data frame output of list_blobs is a best guess as to whether an object represents a file or directory, and may not always be correct. Currently, list_blobs assumes that any object with a file size of zero is a directory.
- Zero-length files can cause problems for the blob storage service as a whole (not just AzureStor). Try to avoid uploading such files.
- create_blob_dir and delete_blob_dir function as expected only for accounts with hierarchical namespaces enabled. When this feature is disabled, directories do not exist as objects in their own right: to create a directory, simply upload a blob to that directory. To delete a directory, delete all the blobs within it; as far as the blob storage service is concerned, the directory then no longer exists.
- Similarly, the output of list_blobs(recursive=TRUE) can vary based on whether the storage account has hierarchical namespaces enabled.

See Also
blob_container, az_storage, storage_download, call_azcopy

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Examples
## Not run:
cont <- blob_container("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/mycontainer", key="access_key")
list_blobs(cont)
upload_blob(cont, "~/bigfile.zip", dest="bigfile.zip")
download_blob(cont, "bigfile.zip", dest="~/bigfile_downloaded.zip")

delete_blob(cont, "bigfile.zip")

# uploading/downloading multiple files at once
multiupload_blob(cont, "/data/logfiles/*.zip", "/uploaded_data")
multiupload_blob(cont, "myproj/*") # no dest directory uploads to root
multidownload_blob(cont, "jan*.txt", "/data/january")

# append blob: concatenating multiple files into one
upload_blob(cont, "logfile1", "logfile", type="AppendBlob", append=FALSE)
upload_blob(cont, "logfile2", "logfile", type="AppendBlob", append=TRUE)
upload_blob(cont, "logfile3", "logfile", type="AppendBlob", append=TRUE)

# you can also pass a vector of file/pathnames as the source and destination
src <- c("file1.csv", "file2.csv", "file3.csv")
dest <- paste0("uploaded_", src)
multiupload_blob(cont, src, dest)

# uploading serialized R objects via connections
json <- jsonlite::toJSON(iris, pretty=TRUE, auto_unbox=TRUE)
con <- textConnection(json)
upload_blob(cont, con, "iris.json")

rds <- serialize(iris, NULL)
con <- rawConnection(rds)
upload_blob(cont, con, "iris.rds")

# downloading files into memory: as a raw vector, and via a connection
rawvec <- download_blob(cont, "iris.json", NULL)
rawToChar(rawvec)

con <- rawConnection(raw(0), "r+")
download_blob(cont, "iris.rds", con)
unserialize(con)

# copy from a public URL: Iris data from UCI machine learning repository
copy_url_to_blob(cont,
"iris.csv")

## End(Not run)

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**sign_request**

_Signs a request to the storage REST endpoint with a shared key_

**Description**

Signs a request to the storage REST endpoint with a shared key
Usage

sign_request(endpoint, ...)

Arguments

endpoint An endpoint object.
...
Further arguments to pass to individual methods.

Details

This is a generic method to allow for variations in how the different storage services handle key authorisation. The default method works with blob, file and ADLSgen2 storage.

Value

A named list of request headers. One of these should be the Authorization header containing the request signature.

storage_container   Storage client generics

Description

Storage client generics

Usage

storage_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
storage_container(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL, ...)

create_storage_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
create_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
create_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
create_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'storage_container'
create_storage_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
create_storage_container(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL, ...)

delete_storage_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
delete_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
delete_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
delete_storage_container(endpoint, name, ...)

## S3 method for class 'storage_container'
delete_storage_container(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
delete_storage_container(endpoint, key = NULL, 
    token = NULL, sas = NULL, confirm = TRUE, ...)

list_storage_containers(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_endpoint'
list_storage_containers(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_endpoint'
list_storage_containers(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
list_storage_containers(endpoint, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
list_storage_containers(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL, ...)

list_storage_files(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
list_storage_files(container, ...)
## S3 method for class 'file_share'
list_storage_files(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
list_storage_files(container, ...)

create_storage_dir(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
create_storage_dir(container, dir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
create_storage_dir(container, dir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
create_storage_dir(container, dir, ...)

delete_storage_dir(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
delete_storage_dir(container, dir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
delete_storage_dir(container, dir, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
delete_storage_dir(container, dir, confirm = TRUE, ...)

delete_storage_file(container, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
delete_storage_file(container, file, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
delete_storage_file(container, file, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
delete_storage_file(container, file, confirm = TRUE, ...)

storage_file_exists(container, file, ...)

## S3 method for class 'blob_container'
storage_file_exists(container, file, ...)

## S3 method for class 'file_share'
storage_file_exists(container, file, ...)

## S3 method for class 'adls_filesystem'
storage_file_exists(container, file, ...)

Arguments

endpoint    A storage endpoint object, or for the character methods, a string giving the full URL to the container.

...          Further arguments to pass to lower-level functions.

name         For the storage container management methods, a container name.

key, token, sas For the character methods, authentication credentials for the container: either an access key, an Azure Active Directory (AAD) token, or a SAS. If multiple arguments are supplied, a key takes priority over a token, which takes priority over a SAS.

confirm      For the deletion methods, whether to ask for confirmation first.

container    A storage container object.

file, dir    For the storage object management methods, a file or directory name.

Details

These methods provide a framework for all storage management tasks supported by AzureStor. They dispatch to the appropriate functions for each type of storage.

Storage container management methods:

- storage_container dispatches to blob_container, file_share or adls_filesystem
- create_storage_container dispatches to create_blob_container, create_file_share or create_adls_filesystem
- delete_storage_container dispatches to delete_blob_container, delete_file_share or delete_adls_filesystem
- list_storage_containers dispatches to list_blob_containers, list_file_shares or list_adls_filesystems

Storage object management methods:

- list_storage_files dispatches to list_blobs, list_azure_files or list_adls_files
- create_storage_dir dispatches to create_azure_dir or create_adls_dir; throws an error if passed a blob container
- delete_storage_dir dispatches to delete_azure_dir or delete_adls_dir; throws an error if passed a blob container
- delete_storage_file dispatches to delete_blob, delete_azure_file or delete_adls_file

See Also

storage_endpoint, blob_container, file_share, adls_filesystem
list_blobs, list_azure_files, list_adls_files

Similar generics exist for file transfer methods; see the page for storage_download.
storage_endpoint

Examples

## Not run:

# storage endpoints for the one account
bl <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")
fl <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.file.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")

list_storage_containers(bl)
list_storage_containers(fl)

# creating containers
cont <- create_storage_container(bl, "newblobcontainer")
fs <- create_storage_container(fl, "newfileshare")

# creating directories (if possible)
create_storage_dir(cont, "newdir") # will error out
create_storage_dir(fs, "newdir")

# transfer a file
storage_upload(bl, "~/file.txt", "storage_file.txt")
storage_upload(cont, "~/file.txt", "newdir/storage_file.txt")

## End(Not run)

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storage_endpoint

Create a storage endpoint object

Description

Create a storage endpoint object, for interacting with blob, file, table, queue or ADLSgen2 storage.

Usage

storage_endpoint(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL,
api_version, service)

blob_endpoint(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL,
api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"))

file_endpoint(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL,
api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"))

adls_endpoint(endpoint, key = NULL, token = NULL, sas = NULL,
api_version = getOption("azure_storage_api_version"))

## S3 method for class 'storage_endpoint'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'adls_endpoint'
print(x, ...)

### Arguments

- **endpoint**: The URL (hostname) for the endpoint. This must be of the form http[s]://{account-name}.{type}.{core-host-name}, where type is one of "dfs" (corresponding to ADLSgen2), "blob", "file", "queue" or "table". On the public Azure cloud, endpoints will be of the form https://{account-name}.{type}.core.windows.net.
- **key**: The access key for the storage account.
- **token**: An Azure Active Directory (AAD) authentication token. This can be either a string, or an object of class AzureToken created by AzureRMR::get_azure_token. The latter is the recommended way of doing it, as it allows for automatic refreshing of expired tokens.
- **sas**: A shared access signature (SAS) for the account.
- **api_version**: The storage API version to use when interacting with the host. Defaults to "2019-07-07".
- **service**: For storage_endpoint, the service endpoint type: either "blob", "file", "adls", "queue" or "table". If this is missing, it is inferred from the endpoint hostname.
- **x**: For the print method, a storage endpoint object.
- **...**: For the print method, further arguments passed to lower-level functions.

### Details

This is the starting point for the client-side storage interface in AzureRMR. storage_endpoint is a generic function to create an endpoint for any type of Azure storage while adls_endpoint, blob_endpoint and file_endpoint create endpoints for those types.

If multiple authentication objects are supplied, they are used in this order of priority: first an access key, then an AAD token, then a SAS. If no authentication objects are supplied, only public (anonymous) access to the endpoint is possible.

### Value

storage_endpoint returns an object of S3 class "adls_endpoint", "blob_endpoint", "file_endpoint", "queue_endpoint" or "table_endpoint" depending on the type of endpoint. All of these also inherit from class "storage_endpoint". adls_endpoint, blob_endpoint and file_endpoint return an object of the respective class.

Note that while endpoint classes exist for all storage types, currently AzureStor only includes methods for interacting with ADLSgen2, blob and file storage.

### Storage emulators

AzureStor supports connecting to the Azure SDK and Azurite emulators for blob and queue storage. To connect, pass the full URL of the endpoint, including the account name, to the blob_endpoint and queue_endpoint methods (the latter from the AzureQstor package). The warning about an
unrecognised endpoint can be ignored. See the linked pages, and the examples below, for details on how to authenticate with the emulator.

Note that the Azure SDK emulator is no longer being actively developed; it’s recommended to use Azurite for development work.

See Also

create_storage_account, adls_filesystem, create_adls_filesystem, file_share, create_file_share, blob_container, create_blob_container

Examples

## Not run:

```r
# obtaining an endpoint from the storage account resource object
stor <- AzureRMR::get_azure_login()
  get_subscription("sub_id")
  get_resource_group("rgname")
  get_storage_account("mystorage")
stor$get_blob_endpoint()

# creating an endpoint standalone
blob_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")

# using an OAuth token for authentication -- note resource is 'storage.azure.com'
token <- AzureAuth::get_azure_token("https://storage.azure.com",
  "myaadtenant", "app_id", "password")
adls_endpoint("https://myadlsstorage.dfs.core.windows.net/", token=token)

## Azurite storage emulator:

# connecting to Azurite with the default account and key (these also work for the Azure SDK)
azurite_account <- "devstoreaccount1"
azurite_key <-
  "Eby8vdM02xNOcqFlqUwJPLlmEtlCDXJ1OUzFT50uSRZ6IFsfq2UVEErCz4I6tq/K15ZfPT0tr/kBHBeksoGMgw=="
blob_endpoint(paste0("http://127.0.0.1:10000/", azurite_account), key=azurite_key)

# to use a custom account name and key, set the AZURITE_ACCOUNTS env var before starting Azurite
Sys.setenv(AZURITE_ACCOUNTS="account1:keyl")
blob_endpoint("http://127.0.0.1:10000/account1", key="keyl")

## End(Not run)
```

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**storage_save_rds**  
Save and load R objects to/from a storage account
storage_save_rds

Description

Save and load R objects to/from a storage account

Usage

storage_save_rds(object, container, file, ...)

storage_load_rds(container, file, ...)

storage_save_rdata(..., container, file, envir = parent.frame())

storage_load_rdata(container, file, envir = parent.frame(), ...)

Arguments

- **object**: An R object to save to storage.
- **container**: An Azure storage container object.
- **file**: The name of a file in storage.
- **...**: Further arguments passed to `saveRDS`, `memDecompress`, `save` and `load` as appropriate.
- **envir**: For `storage_save_rdata` and `storage_load_rdata`, the environment from which to get objects to save, or in which to restore objects, respectively.

Details

These are equivalents to `saveRDS`, `readRDS`, `save` and `load` for saving and loading R objects to a storage account. They allow datasets and objects to be easily transferred to and from an R session, without having to manually create and delete temporary files.

See Also

`storage_download`, `download_blob`, `download_azure_file`, `download_adls_file`, `save`, `load`, `saveRDS`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
bl <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")
cont <- storage_container(bl, "mycontainer")

storage_save_rds(iris, cont, "iris.rds")
irisnew <- storage_load_rds(iris, "iris.rds")
identical(iris, irisnew) # TRUE

storage_save_rdata(iris, mtcars, container=cont, file="dataframes.rdata")
storage_load_rdata(cont, "dataframes.rdata")

## End(Not run)
```
storage_write_delim  Read and write a data frame to/from a storage account

Description
Read and write a data frame to/from a storage account

Usage
storage_write_delim(object, container, file, delim = "\t", ...)
storage_write_csv(object, container, file, ...)
storage_write_csv2(object, container, file, ...)
storage_read_delim(container, file, delim = "\t", ...)
storage_read_csv(container, file, ...)
storage_read_csv2(container, file, ...)

Arguments
- object: A data frame to write to storage.
- container: An Azure storage container object.
- file: The name of a file in storage.
- delim: For storage_write_delim and storage_read_delim, the field delimiter. Defaults to \t (tab).
- ... Optional arguments passed to the file reading/writing functions. See 'Details'.

Details
These functions let you read and write data frames to storage. storage_read_delim and write_delim are for reading and writing arbitrary delimited files. storage_read_csv and write_csv are for comma-delimited (CSV) files. storage_read_csv2 and write_csv2 are for files with the semi-colon ; as delimiter and comma , as the decimal point, as used in some European countries.

If the readr package is installed, they call down to read_delim, write_delim, read_csv2 and write_csv2. Otherwise, they use read_delim and write.table.

See Also
storage_download, download_blob, download_azure_file, download_adls_file, write_table, read.csv, readr::write_delim, readr::read_delim
Examples

```r
## Not run:

bl <- storage_endpoint("https://mystorage.blob.core.windows.net/", key="access_key")
cont <- storage_container(bl, "mycontainer")

storage_write_csv(iris, cont, "iris.csv")
# if readr is not installed
irisnew <- storage_read_csv(cont, "iris.csv", stringsAsFactors=TRUE)
# if readr is installed
irisnew <- storage_read_csv(cont, "iris.csv", col_types="nnnnf")

all(mapply(identical, iris, irisnew)) # TRUE

## End(Not run)
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