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add\_collection\_format *Download and install an image collection format from a URL*

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## Description

Download and install an image collection format from a URL

**Usage**

```
add_collection_format(url, name = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

url	URL pointing to the collection format JSON file
name	optional name used to refer to the collection format

**Details**

By default, the collection format name will be derived from the basename of the URL.

**Examples**

```
add_collection_format(
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/appeymar/gdalcubes/dev/formats/Sentinel1_IW_GRD.json")
```

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add_images	<i>Add images to an existing image collection</i>
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**Description**

This function adds provided files or GDAL dataset identifiers and to an existing image collection by extracting datetime, image identifiers, and band information according to the collection's format.

**Usage**

```
add_images(image_collection, files, unroll_archives = TRUE,
  out_file = "", quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

image_collection	image_collection object or path to an existing collection file
files	character vector with paths to image files on disk or any GDAL dataset identifiers (including virtual file systems and higher level drivers or GDAL sub-datasets)
unroll_archives	automatically convert .zip, .tar archives and .gz compressed files to GDAL virtual file system dataset identifiers (e.g. by prepending /vsizip/) and add contained files to the list of considered files
out_file	path to output file, an empty string (the default) will update the collection in-place, whereas images will be added to a new copy of the image collection at the given location otherwise.
quiet	logical; if TRUE, do not print resulting image collection if return value is not assigned to a variable

**Value**

image collection proxy object, which can be used to create a data cube using [raster\\_cube](#)

**Examples**

```
L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                      ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
L8_col = create_image_collection(L8_files[1:12], "L8_L1TP")
add_images(L8_col, L8_files[13:24])
```

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 animate

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*Animate a data cube as an image time series*


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**Description**

Animate a data cube as an image time series

**Usage**

```
animate(x, ..., fps = 1, loop = 0, width = dev.size(units = "px")[1],
        height = dev.size(units = "px")[2], save_as = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a data cube proxy object (class cube)
...	parameters passed to plot.cube
fps	frames per second of the animation
loop	how many iterations, 0 = infinite
width	width (in pixels) of the animation
height	height (in pixels) of the animation
save_as	character path where the animation shall be stored as a gif file
plot	logical; plot the animation (default is TRUE)

**Details**

Animations can be created for single band data cubes or RGB plots of multi-band data cubes (by providing the argument `rgb`) only.

**See Also**

[image\\_animate](#)  
[plot.cube](#)

**Examples**

```

if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P16D")

animate(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B02", "B03", "B04")), rgb=3:1,
        zlim=c(0,20000), fps=1, loop=1)

animate(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B05")), col=terrain.colors, key.pos=1)

```

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**apply\_pixel***Apply a function over (multi-band) pixels*

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**Description**

This generic function applies a function on pixels of a data cube, an R array, or other classes if implemented.

**Usage**

```
apply_pixel(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	input data
...	additional arguments passed to method implementations

**Value**

return value and type depend on the class of x

**See Also**

[apply\\_pixel.cube](#)  
[apply\\_pixel.array](#)

**Examples**

```

# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
apply_pixel(raster_cube(L8.col, v), "(B05-B04)/(B05+B04)", "NDVI")

d <- c(4,16,128,128)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
y <- apply_pixel(x, function(v) {
  v[1] + v[2] + v[3] - v[4]
})

```

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apply_pixel.array	<i>Apply a function over pixels in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array</i>
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**Description**

Apply a function over pixels in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'array'
apply_pixel(x, FUN, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	four-dimensional input array with dimensions band, time, y, x (in this order)
FUN	function that receives a vector of band values in a one-dimensional array
...	further arguments passed to FUN

**Details**

FUN is expected to produce a numeric vector (or scalar) where elements are interpreted as new bands in the result.

**Note**

This is a helper function that uses the same dimension ordering as `gdalcubes`. It can be used to simplify the application of R functions e.g. over time series in a data cube.

**Examples**

```
d <- c(4,16,32,32)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
y <- apply_pixel(x, function(v) {
  v[1] + v[2] + v[3] - v[4]
})
dim(y)
```

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apply\_pixel.cube

*Apply arithmetic expressions over all pixels of a data cube*

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**Description**

Create a proxy data cube, which applies arithmetic expressions over all pixels of a data cube. Expressions may access band values by name.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
apply_pixel(x, expr, names = NULL, keep_bands = FALSE,
  ..., FUN)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	source data cube
<code>expr</code>	character vector with one or more arithmetic expressions (see Details)
<code>names</code>	optional character vector with the same length as <code>expr</code> to specify band names for the output cube
<code>keep_bands</code>	logical; keep bands of input data cube, defaults to <code>FALSE</code> , i.e. original bands will be dropped
<code>...</code>	not used
<code>FUN</code>	user-defined R function that is applied on all pixels (see Details)

**Details**

The function can either apply simple arithmetic C expressions given as a character vector (`expr` argument), or apply a custom R reducer function if `FUN` is provided.

In the former case, `gdalcubes` uses the [tinyexpr library](#) to evaluate expressions in C / C++, you can look at the [library documentation](#) to see what kind of expressions you can execute. Pixel band values can be accessed by name.

`FUN` receives values of the bands from one pixel as a (named) vector and should return a numeric vector with identical length for all pixels. Elements of the result vectors will be interpreted as bands in the result data cube.



**Value**

a proxy data cube object

**Note**

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

# 1. Apply a C expression
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B04", "B05"))
L8.ndvi = apply_pixel(L8.cube, "(B05-B04)/(B05+B04)", "NDVI")
L8.ndvi

# 2. Apply a user defined R function
L8.ndvi.noisy = apply_pixel(L8.cube, names="NDVI_noisy",
  FUN=function(x) {
    rnorm(1, 0, 0.1) + (x["B05"]-x["B04"])/(x["B05"]+x["B04"])
  })
L8.ndvi.noisy
```

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as\_array

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*Convert a data cube to an in-memory R array*


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**Description**

Convert a data cube to an in-memory R array

**Usage**

```
as_array(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    data cube

**Value**

Four dimensional array with dimensions band, t, y, x

**Note**

Depending on the data cube size, this function may require substantial amounts of main memory, i.e. it makes sense for small data cubes only.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-05"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 100, ny=100, dt="P1M")
as_array(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05")))
```

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as\_json

*Query data cube properties*


---

**Description**

gdalcubes uses a graph (currently a tree) to serialize data cubes (including chains of cubes). This function gives a JSON representation, which will be communicated to gdalcubes\_server instances to create identical cube instances remotely.

**Usage**

```
as_json(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

A JSON string representing a graph (currently a tree) that can be used to create the same chain of gdalcubes operations.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-04"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
cat(as_json(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05"))))
```

as\_stars

*Coerce gdalcubes object into a stars object***Description**

The function materializes a data cube as a temporary netCDF file and loads the file with the stars package.

**Usage**

```
as_stars(from)
```

**Arguments**

```
from          data cube object to coerce
```

**Value**

```
stars object
```

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-04"),
```

```
srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
as_stars(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05")))
```

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bands	<i>Query data cube properties</i>
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## Description

Query data cube properties

## Usage

```
bands(obj)
```

## Arguments

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

## Value

A data.frame with rows representing the bands and columns representing properties of a band (name, type, scale, offset, unit)

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

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`chunk_apply`*Apply an R function on chunks of a data cube*

---

**Description**

Apply an R function on chunks of a data cube

**Usage**

```
chunk_apply(cube, f)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cube</code>	source data cube
<code>f</code>	R function to apply over all chunks

**Details**

This function internally creates a `gdalcubes` stream data cube, which streams data of a chunk to a new R process. For reading data, the function typically calls `x <-read_chunk_as_array()` which then results in a 4 dimensional (band, time, y, x) array. Similarly `write_chunk_from_array(x)` will write a result array as a chunk in the resulting data cube. The chunk size of the input cube is important to control how the function will be exposed to the data cube. For example, if you want to apply an R function over complete pixel time series, you must define the chunk size argument in [raster\\_cube](#) to make sure that chunk contain the correct parts of the data.

**Value**

a proxy data cube object

**Note**

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
```

```

                                bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
                                srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B04", "B05"))
f <- function() {
  x <- read_chunk_as_array()
  out <- reduce_time(x, function(x) {
    cor(x[1,], x[2,], use="na.or.complete", method = "kendall")
  })
  write_chunk_from_array(out)
}
L8.cor = chunk_apply(L8.cube, f)

```

---

collection\_formats      *List predefined image collection formats*

---

### Description

gdalcubes comes with some predefined collection formats e.g. to scan Sentinel 2 data. This function lists available formats including brief descriptions.

### Usage

```
collection_formats(print = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

print	logical; should available formats and their descriptions be printed nicely, defaults to TRUE
-------	--

### Details

Image collection formats define how individual files / GDAL datasets relate to an image collection, i.e., which bands they contain, to which image they belong, and how to derive acquisition date/time. They are described as a set of regular expressions in a JSON file and used by gdalcubes to extract this information from the paths and/or filenames.

### Value

data.frame with columns name and description where the former describes the unique identifier that can be used in create\_image\_collection and the latter gives a brief description of the format.

### Examples

```
collection_formats()
```

---

```
create_image_collection
```

*Create an image collection from a set of GDAL datasets or files*

---

## Description

This function iterates over files or GDAL dataset identifiers and extracts datetime, image identifiers, and band information according to a given collection format.

## Usage

```
create_image_collection(files, format, out_file = tempfile(fileext =
  ".sqlite"), unroll_archives = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

files	character vector with paths to image files on disk or any GDAL dataset identifiers (including virtual file systems and higher level drivers or GDAL sub-datasets)
format	collection format, can be either a name to use predefined formats (as output from <a href="#">collection_formats</a> ) or a path to a custom JSON format description file
out_file	optional name of the output SQLite database file, defaults to a temporary file
unroll_archives	automatically convert .zip, .tar archives and .gz compressed files to GDAL virtual file system dataset identifiers (e.g. by prepending /vsizip/) and add contained files to the list of considered files
quiet	logical; if TRUE, do not print resulting image collection if return value is not assigned to a variable

## Details

An image collection is a simple SQLite database file that indexes and references existing image files / GDAL dataset identifiers.

## Value

image collection proxy object, which can be used to create a data cube using [raster\\_cube](#)

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
```

---

 cube\_view

*Create, update, or query a spatiotemporal data cube view*


---

### Description

Data cube views define the shape of a cube, i.e., the spatiotemporal extent, resolution, and spatial reference system (srs) how to look at the data. They are used to access image collections as on-demand data cubes. The data cube will filter images based on the view's extent, read image data at the defined resolution, and warp / reproject images to the target srs automatically.

### Usage

```
cube_view(cube, view, extent, srs, nx, ny, nt, dx, dy, dt, aggregation,
          resampling, keep.asp = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

cube	data cube object; if provided, return the view of this data cube and ignore other arguments
view	if provided, update this cube_view object instead of creating a new data cube view where fields that are already set will be overwritten
extent	spatiotemporal extent as a list e.g. from <a href="#">extent</a> or an image collection object, see <a href="#">Details</a>
srs	target spatial reference system as a string; can be a proj4 definition, WKT, or in the form "EPSG:XXXX"
nx	number of pixels in x-direction (longitude / easting)
ny	number of pixels in y-direction (latitude / northing)
nt	number of pixels in t-direction
dx	size of pixels in x-direction (longitude / easting)
dy	size of pixels in y-direction (latitude / northing)
dt	size of pixels in time-direction, expressed as ISO8601 period string (only 1 number and unit is allowed) such as "P16D"
aggregation	aggregation method as string, defining how to deal with pixels containing data from multiple images, can be "min", "max", "mean", "median", or "first"
resampling	resampling method used in gdalwarp when images are read, can be "near", "bilinear", "bicubic" or others as supported by gdalwarp (see <a href="https://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html">https://www.gdal.org/gdalwarp.html</a> )
keep.asp	if TRUE, derive ny or dy automatically from nx or dx (or vice versa) based on the aspect ratio of the spatial extent



## Details

The extent argument expects a simple list with elements left, right, bottom, top, t0 (start date/time), t1 (end date/time) or an image collection object. In the latter case, the `extent` function is automatically called on the image collection object to get the full spatiotemporal extent of the collection. In the former case, datetimes are expressed as ISO8601 datetime strings.

The function can be used in three different ways. First, if the cube argument is given, the function simply returns the data cube view of the provided cube and ignores any other values. Second, the function can be used to create data cube views from scratch by defining the extent, the spatial reference system, and for each dimension either the cell size (dx, dy, dt) or the total number of cells (nx, ny, nt). Third, the function can update an existing data cube view by overwriting specific fields. In this case, the extent or some elements of the extent may be missing.

In some cases, the extent of the view is automatically extended if the provided resolution would end within a pixel. For example, if the spatial extent covers an area of 1km x 1km and dx = dy = 300m, the extent would be enlarged to 1.2 km x 1.2km. The alignment will be reported to the user in a diagnostic message.

## Value

A list with data cube view properties

## Examples

```
L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                      ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
L8.col = create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP")

# 1. Create a new data cube view specification
cube_view(extent=extent(L8.col,"EPSG:4326"), srs="EPSG:4326", dt="P1M",
          nx=1000, ny=500, aggregation = "mean", resampling="bilinear")

# 2. read existing data cube
v = cube_view(raster_cube(L8.col))

# 3. overwrite parts of an existing data cube view
vnew = cube_view(view = v, dt="P1M")
```

---

dim.cube

*Query data cube properties*

---

## Description

Query data cube properties

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
dim(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

size of a data cube (number of cells) as integer vector in the order t, y, x

**See Also**

[size](#)

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
dim(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

dimensions

*Query data cube properties*

---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

```
dimensions(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Details**

Elements of the returned list represent individual dimensions with properties such as dimension boundaries, names, and chunk size stored as inner lists

**Value**

Dimension information as a list

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
dimensions(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

dimension\_values      *Query coordinate values for all dimensions of a data cube*

---

**Description**

Dimension values give the coordinates along the spatial and temporal axes of a data cube.

**Usage**

```
dimension_values(obj, datetime_unit = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**obj**                    a data cube proxy (class cube), or a data cube view object

**datetime\_unit**        unit used to format values in the datetime dimension, one of "Y", "m", "d", "H", "M", "S", defaults to the unit of the cube.

**Value**

list with elements t,y,x

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
}
```

```
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir()), "L8.db")
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
             srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
dimension_values(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

extent

*Derive the spatiotemporal extent of an image collection*

---

## Description

Derive the spatiotemporal extent of an image collection

## Usage

```
extent(x, srs = "EPSG:4326")
```

## Arguments

x	image collection proxy object
srs	target spatial reference system

## Value

a list with elements left, right, bottom, top, t0 (start date/time), and t1 (end date/time)

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir()), "L8.db")) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir()), "L8.db")
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir()), "L8.db")
extent(L8.col, "EPSG:32618")
cube_view(extent=extent(L8.col, "EPSG:32618"),
         srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
```

---

fill_time	<i>Fill NA data cube pixels by simple time series interpolation</i>
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### Description

Create a proxy data cube, which fills NA pixels of a data cube by nearest neighbor or linear time series interpolation.

### Usage

```
fill_time(cube, method = "near")
```

### Arguments

cube	source data cube
method	interpolation method, can be "near" (nearest neighbor), "linear" (linear interpolation), "locf" (last observation carried forward), or "nocb" (next observation carried backward)

### Details

Please notice that completely empty (NA) time series will not be filled, i.e. the result cube might still contain NA values.

### Value

a proxy data cube object

### Note

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P3M", aggregation = "median")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v, mask=image_mask("BQA", bits=4, values=16))
L8.rgb = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02", "B03", "B04"))
L8.filled = fill_time(L8.rgb, "linear")
```

```
L8.filled
```

```
plot(L8.filled, rgb=3:1, zlim=c(5000,12000))
```

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```
filter_pixel
```

---

*Filter data cube pixels by a user-defined predicate on band values*

---

### Description

Create a proxy data cube, which evaluates a predicate over all pixels of a data cube. For all pixels that fulfill the predicate, the original band values are returned. Other pixels are simply filled with NaNs. The predicate may access band values by name.

### Usage

```
filter_pixel(cube, pred)
```

### Arguments

cube	source data cube
pred	predicate to be evaluated over all pixels

### Details

gdalcubes uses and extends the [tinyexpr library](#) to evaluate expressions in C / C++, you can look at the [library documentation](#) to see what kind of expressions you can execute. Pixel band values can be accessed by name.

### Value

a proxy data cube object

### Note

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
```

```

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-06"),
             srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B04", "B05"))
L8.ndvi = apply_pixel(L8.cube, "(B05-B04)/(B05+B04)", "NDVI")
L8.ndvi.filtered = filter_pixel(L8.ndvi, "NDVI > 0.5")
L8.ndvi.filtered

```

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gdalcubes

*gdalcubes: Earth Observation Data Cubes from Satellite Image Collections*


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## Description

Processing collections of Earth observation images as on-demand multispectral, multitemporal raster data cubes. Users define cubes by spatiotemporal extent, resolution, and spatial reference system and let 'gdalcubes' automatically apply cropping, reprojection, and resampling using the 'Geospatial Data Abstraction Library' ('GDAL'). Implemented functions on data cubes include reduction over space and time, applying arithmetic expressions on pixel band values, moving window aggregates over time, filtering by space, time, bands, and predicates on pixel values, exporting data cubes as 'netCDF' or 'GeoTIFF' files, and plotting. The package implements lazy evaluation and multithreading. All computational parts are implemented in C++, linking to the 'GDAL', 'netCDF', 'CURL', and 'SQLite' libraries. See Appel and Pebesma (2019) <doi:10.3390/data4030092> for further details.

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gdalcubes\_debug\_output

*Enable or disable debug output from the gdalcubes C++ library*


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## Description

Enable or disable debug output from the gdalcubes C++ library

## Usage

```
gdalcubes_debug_output(debug = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

debug                   logical, TRUE if you want debug messages

## Note

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED AND IS GOING TO BE REPLACED BY [gdalcubes\\_options](#).

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_debug_output(TRUE)
gdalcubes_debug_output(FALSE)
```

---

gdalcubes\_gdalformats *Get available GDAL drivers*

---

**Description**

Get available GDAL drivers

**Usage**

```
gdalcubes_gdalformats()
```

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_gdalformats()
```

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gdalcubes\_gdalversion *Get the GDAL version used by gdalcubes*

---

**Description**

Get the GDAL version used by gdalcubes

**Usage**

```
gdalcubes_gdalversion()
```

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_gdalversion()
```



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gdalcubes\_options      *Set or read global options of the gdalcubes package*

---

### Description

Set global package options to change the default behavior of gdalcubes. These include how many threads are used to process data cubes, how created netCDF files are compressed, and whether or not debug messages should be printed.

### Usage

```
gdalcubes_options(..., threads, ncdf_compression_level, debug, cache,
ncdf_write_bounds)
```

### Arguments

...	not used
threads	number of threads used to process data cubes
ncdf_compression_level	integer; compression level for created netCDF files, 0=no compression, 1=fast compression, 9=small compression
debug	logical; print debug messages
cache	logical; TRUE if temporary data cubes should be cached to support fast reprocessing of the same cubes
ncdf_write_bounds	logical; write dimension bounds as additional variables in netCDF files

### Details

Data cubes can be processed in parallel where one thread processes one chunk at a time. Setting more threads than the number of chunks of a cube thus has no effect and will not further reduce computation times.

Caching has no effect on disk or memory consumption, it simply tries to reuse existing temporary files where possible. For example, changing only parameters to plot will not require rerunning the full data cube operation chain.

Passing no arguments will return the current options as a list.

### Examples

```
gdalcubes_options(threads=4) # set the number of threads
gdalcubes_options() # print current options
```

gdalcubes\_server\_status

*Status report of gdalcubes\_server instances*

---

### Description

Summarizes the status of all gdalcubes\_server processes that have been started in the current R session.

### Usage

```
gdalcubes_server_status()
```

### Value

a data.frame with detailed status information where each row corresponds to one gdalcubes\_server process

### Examples

```
gdalcubes_server_status()
```

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gdalcubes\_set\_ncdf\_compression

*Set compression level for netCDF files produced by gdalcubes*

---

### Description

Set compression level for netCDF files produced by gdalcubes

### Usage

```
gdalcubes_set_ncdf_compression(level = 2)
```

### Arguments

level	integer; compression level, 0 = no compression, 1=fast compression, 9=small compression
-------	---

### Note

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED AND IS GOING TO BE REPLACED BY [gdalcubes\\_options](#).

### Examples

```
gdalcubes_set_ncdf_compression(9) # maximum compression  
gdalcubes_set_ncdf_compression(0) # no compression
```

---

gdalcubes\_set\_threads *Set the number of threads for parallel data cube processing*

---

### Description

Data cubes can be processed in parallel where one thread processes one chunk at a time. Setting more threads than the number of chunks of a cube thus has no effect and will not further reduce computation times.

### Usage

```
gdalcubes_set_threads(n = 1)
```

### Arguments

n	number of threads
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### Note

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED AND IS GOING TO BE REPLACED BY [gdalcubes\\_options](#).

### Examples

```
gdalcubes_set_threads(1)
```

---

gdalcubes\_start\_server

*Start one or more gdalcubes\_server background processes*

---

### Description

Starts one or more gdalcubes\_server instance on this machine. Created processes are added to a global list of gdalcubes\_server processes. Simultaneously running processes must use different ports.

### Usage

```
gdalcubes_start_server(port = 1111, endpoint = "/gdalcubes/api",  
  whitelist = NULL, threads = 1, n = 1)
```

**Arguments**

port	port number(s) where gdalcubes server(s) will listen for incoming requests
endpoint	base path where the API sets up its endpoints
whitelist	character vector with hosts that are allowed to connect to the server, if NULL (the default), all incoming requests will be accepted
threads	number of threads running to process parallel chunk read requests
n	number of servers to start, if n > 1 and ports has length 1, port numbers will be increased automatically by one

**Note**

This function runs the `gdalcubes_server` executable which must have been installed at a findable location (listed in the `PATH` environment variable) before.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
gdalcubes_start_server() # single server process with default settings  
gdalcubes_stop_server()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

---

`gdalcubes_stop_server` *Stop all gdalcubes\_server processes*

---

**Description**

Stops all `gdalcubes_server` processes that have been started within the current R session.

**Usage**

```
gdalcubes_stop_server()
```

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_stop_server()
```

---

gdalcubes\_use\_cache     *Enable or disable caching of cubes.*

---

**Description**

Enable or disable caching of cubes.

**Usage**

```
gdalcubes_use_cache(enable = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

enable                    logical, TRUE if you want to use the data cube cache

**Details**

Caching has no effect on disk or memory consumption, it simply tries to reuse existing temporary files where possible. For example, changing only parameters to plot will not require rerunning the full data cube operation chain.

**Note**

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED AND IS GOING TO BE REPLACED BY [gdalcubes\\_options](#).

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_use_cache(FALSE)
```

---

gdalcubes\_version     *Query gdalcubes version information*

---

**Description**

Query gdalcubes version information

**Usage**

```
gdalcubes_version()
```

**Value**

List with gdalcubes library version information

**Examples**

```
gdalcubes_version()
```

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image_collection	<i>Load an existing image collection from a file</i>
------------------	--

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### Description

This function will load an image collection from an SQLite file. Image collection files index and reference existing imagery. To create a collection from files on disk, use [create\\_image\\_collection](#).

### Usage

```
image_collection(path)
```

### Arguments

path	path to an existing image collection file
------	---

### Value

an image collection proxy object, which can be used to create a data cube using [raster\\_cube](#)

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
L8.col
```

---

image_mask	<i>Create a mask for images in a raster data cube</i>
------------	---

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### Description

Create an image mask based on a band and provided values to filter pixels of images read by [raster\\_cube](#)

### Usage

```
image_mask(band, min = NULL, max = NULL, values = NULL,
  bits = NULL, invert = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

band	name of the mask band
min	minimum value, values between min and max will be masked
max	maximum value, values between min and max will be masked
values	numeric vector; specific values that will be masked.
bits	for bitmasks, extract the given bits (integer vector) with a bitwise AND before filtering the mask values, bit indexes are zero-based
invert	logical; invert mask

**Details**

Values of the selected mask band can be based on a range (by passing min and max) or on a set of values (by passing values). By default pixels with mask values contained in the range or in the values are masked out, i.e. set to NA. Setting invert = TRUE will invert the masking behavior. Passing values will override min and max.

**Note**

Notice that masks are applied per image while reading images as a raster cube. They can be useful to eliminate e.g. cloudy pixels before applying the temporal aggregation to merge multiple values for the same data cube pixel.

**Examples**

```
image_mask("SCL", values = c(3,8,9)) # Sentinel 2 L2A: mask cloud and cloud shadows
image_mask("BQA", bits=4, values=16) # Landsat 8: mask clouds
image_mask("B10", min = 8000, max=65000)
```

---

 join\_bands

---

*Join bands of two identically shaped data cubes*


---

**Description**

Create a proxy data cube, which joins the bands of two identically shaped data cubes. The resulting cube will have bands from both input cubes.

**Usage**

```
join_bands(X, Y)
```

**Arguments**

X	first source data cube
Y	second source data cube

**Details**

Names of bands will be taken from the input cubes. If both cubes, however, have bands with identical name, prefixes are added to all band names. Prefixes are tried to derive from names of provided X and Y arguments (derived with `substitute`) or simply set to "X." and "Y."

**Value**

proxy data cube object

**Note**

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")

L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube.b04 = select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04"))
L8.cube.b05 = select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B05"))
join_bands(L8.cube.b04,L8.cube.b05)
```

---

memsize

*Query data cube properties*

---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

```
memsize(obj, unit = "MiB")
```

**Arguments**

`obj` a data cube proxy object (class `cube`)

`unit` Unit of data size, can be "B", "KB", "KiB", "MB", "MiB", "GB", "GiB", "TB", "TiB", "PB", "PiB"



**Value**

Total data size of data cube values expressed in the given unit

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
memsize(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

names.cube

*Query data cube properties*


---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
names(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

Band names as character vector

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
```

```
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
names(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

nbands

*Query data cube properties*


---

### Description

Query data cube properties

### Usage

```
nbands(obj)
```

### Arguments

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

### Value

Number of bands

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
nbands(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

nt *Query data cube properties*

---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

nt(obj)

**Arguments**

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

Number of pixels in the time dimension

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
nt(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

nx *Query data cube properties*

---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

nx(obj)

**Arguments**

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

Number of pixels in the x dimension

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
nx(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

 ny

---

*Query data cube properties*


---

**Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

ny(obj)

**Arguments**

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

**Value**

Number of pixels in the y dimension

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
ny(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

pack\_minmax

*Helper function to define packed data exports by min / max values***Description**

This function can be used to define packed exports in [write\\_ncdf](#) and [write\\_tif](#). It will generate scale and offset values with maximum precision (unless `simplify=TRUE`).

**Usage**

```
pack_minmax(type = "int16", min, max, simplify = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

type	target data type of packed values (one of "uint8", "uint16", "uint32", "int16", or "int32")
min	numeric; minimum value(s) of original values, will be packed to the 2nd lowest value of the target data type
max	numeric; maximum value(s) in original scale, will be packed to the highest value of the target data type
simplify	logical; round resulting scale and offset to power of 10 values

**Details**

Nodata values will be mapped to the lowest value of the target data type.

Arguments `min` and `max` must have length 1 or length equal to the number of bands of the data cube to be exported. In the former case, the same values are used for all bands of the exported target cube, whereas the latter case allows to use different ranges for different bands.

**Note**

Using `simplify=TRUE` will round scale values to the next smaller power of 10.

**Examples**

```
ndvi_packing = pack_minmax(type="int16", min=-1, max=1)
ndvi_packing
```

---

plot.cube

*Plot a gdalcubes data cube*


---

**Description**

Plot a gdalcubes data cube

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
plot(x, y, ..., nbreaks = 11, breaks = NULL,
     col = grey(1:(nbreaks - 1)/nbreaks), key.pos = NULL, bands = NULL,
     t = NULL, rgb = NULL, zlim = NULL, periods.in.title = TRUE,
     join.timeseries = FALSE, axes = TRUE, ncol = NULL, nrow = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	a data cube proxy object (class cube)
y	<u>not used</u>
...	further arguments passed to image.default
nbreaks	number of breaks, should be one more than the number of colors given
breaks	actual breaks used to assign colors to values; if missing, the function subsamples values and uses equally sized intervals between min and max or zlim[0] and zlim[1] if defined
col	color definition, can be a character vector with nbreaks - 1 elements or a function such as heat.colors
key.pos	position for the legend, 1 (bottom), 2 (left), 3 (top), or 4 (right). If NULL (the default), do not plot a legend.
bands	integer vector with band numbers to plot (this must be band numbers, not band names)
t	integer vector with time indexes to plot (this must be time indexes, not date / time)
rgb	bands used to assign RGB color channels, vector of length 3 (this must be band numbers, not band names)
zlim	vector of length 2, defining the minimum and maximum values to either derive breaks, or define black and white values in RGB plots
periods.in.title	logical value, if TRUE, the title of plots includes the datetime period length as ISO 8601 string

join.timeseries	logical, for pure time-series plots, shall time series of multiple bands be plotted in a single plot (with different colors)?
axes	logical, if TRUE, plots include axes
ncol	number of columns for arranging plots with layout(), see Details
nrow	number of rows for arranging plots with layout(), see Details

## Details

The style of the plot depends on provided parameters and on the shape of the cube, i.e., whether it is a pure time series and whether it contains multiple bands or not. Multi-band, multi-temporal images will be arranged with layout() such that bands are represented by the x axis and time is represented by the y axis. Time series plots can be combined to a single plot by setting join.timeseries = TRUE. For other cases, a default arrangement of the plots is derived, trying to reach a square overall plot. The layout can be controlled with ncol and nrow, which define the number of rows and columns in the plot layout. Typically, only one of ncol and nrow is provided. For multi-band, multi-temporal plots, the actual number of rows or columns can be less if the input cube has less bands or time slices.

## Note

If caching is enabled for the package (see [gdalcubes\\_use\\_cache](#)), repeated calls of plot for the same data cube will not reevaluate the cube. Instead, the temporary result file will be reused, if possible.

Some parts of the function have been copied from the stars package (c) Edzer Pebesma

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")

plot(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B02", "B03", "B04")), rgb=3:1)

L8.cube = select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05"))
L8.ndvi = apply_pixel(L8.cube, "(B05-B04)/(B05+B04)", "NDVI")
plot(reduce_time(L8.ndvi, "median(NDVI)"), key.pos=1, zlim=c(0,1))
```

---

```
print.cube          Print data cube information
```

---

### Description

Prints information about the dimensions and bands of a data cube.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

```
x          Object of class "cube"
...        Further arguments passed to the generic print function
```

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
print(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

---

```
print.cube_view    Print data cube view information
```

---

### Description

Prints information about a data cube view, including its dimensions, spatial reference, aggregation method, and resampling method.

### Usage

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



**Arguments**

x                    Object of class "cube\_view"  
 ...                  Further arguments passed to the generic print function

**Examples**

```
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
print(v)
```

---

```
print.image_collection
                          Print image collection information
```

---

**Description**

Prints information about images in an image collection.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'image_collection'
print(x, ..., n = 6)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Object of class "image\_collection"  
 ...                  Further arguments passed to the generic print function  
 n                    Number of images for which details are printed

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
print(L8.col)
```

---

proj4 *Query data cube properties*

---

### Description

Query data cube properties

### Usage

```
proj4(obj)
```

### Arguments

obj a data cube proxy object (class cube)

### Value

The spatial reference system expressed as proj4 string

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
proj4(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

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query\_points *Query data cube values at irregular spatiotemporal points*

---

### Description

This function will overlay provided spatiotemporal points with a data cube and return all band values of the cells for each query point, as a data.frame where rows correspond to points and columns represent bands. If needed, point coordinates are automatically transformed to the SRS of the data cube.

### Usage

```
query_points(x, px, py, pt, srs)
```

**Arguments**

x	source data cube
px	vector of x coordinates
py	vector of y coordinates
pt	vector of date/ time coordinates
srs	spatial reference system string identifier (as GDAL understands)

**Details**

Date and time of the query points can be provided as vector of class character, Date, or POSIXct.

**Value**

a data.frame with one row per point and one column per data cube band or variable

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01-01", t1="2018-12-02"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P14D")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.rgb = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02", "B03", "B04"))

x = seq(from = 388941.2, to = 766552.4, length.out = 10)
y = seq(from = 4345299, to = 4744931, length.out = 10)
t = seq(as.Date("2018-01-01"), as.Date("2018-12-02"), length.out = 10 )

query_points(L8.rgb, x, y, t, srs(L8.rgb))
```

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raster\_cube

---

*Create a data cube from an image collection*


---

**Description**

Create a proxy data cube, which loads data from a given image collection according to a data cube view

**Usage**

```
raster_cube(image_collection, view, mask = NULL, chunking = c(16, 256, 256))
```

**Arguments**

image_collection	Source image collection as from <code>image_collection</code> or <code>create_image_collection</code>
view	A data cube view defining the shape (spatiotemporal extent, resolution, and spatial reference), if missing, a default overview is used
mask	mask pixels of images based on band values, see <a href="#">image_mask</a>
chunking	Vector of length 3 defining the size of data cube chunks in the order time, y, x.

**Details**

The following steps will be performed when the data cube is requested to read data of a chunk:

1. Find images from the input collection that intersect with the spatiotemporal extent of the chunk
2. For all resulting images, apply `gdalwarp` to reproject, resize, and resample to an in-memory GDAL dataset
3. Read the resulting data to the chunk buffer and optionally apply a mask on the result
4. Update pixel-wise aggregator (as defined in the data cube view) to combine values of multiple images within the same data cube pixels

**Value**

A proxy data cube object

**Note**

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
raster_cube(L8.col, v)

# using a mask on the Landsat quality bit band to filter out clouds
raster_cube(L8.col, v, mask=image_mask("BQA", bits=4, values=16))
```

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raster_cube_dummy	<i>Create a dummy data cube with a fill value</i>
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## Description

Create a data cube with a constant fill value for one or more bands from a data cube view. Use this cube for testing.

## Usage

```
raster_cube_dummy(view, nbands = 1, fill = 1, chunking = c(16, 256, 256))
```

## Arguments

view	a data cube view defining the shape (spatiotemporal extent, resolution, and spatial reference)
nbands	number of bands
fill	fill value
chunking	vector of length 3 defining the size of data cube chunks in the order time, y, x.

## Value

a proxy data cube object

## Note

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

## Examples

```
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube_dummy(v, 1, 2.345)
```

---

read\_chunk\_as\_array     *Read chunk data of a data cube from stdin or a file*

---

### Description

This function can be used within function passed to [chunk\\_apply](#) in order to read a data cube chunk as a four-dimensional R array. It works only for R processes, which have been started from the gdalcubes C++ library. The resulting array has dimensions band, time, y, x (in this order).

### Usage

```
read_chunk_as_array(with.dimnames = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

`with.dimnames`     if TRUE, the resulting array will contain dimnames with coordinates, datetime, and band names

### Value

four-dimensional array

### Note

Call this function ONLY from a function passed to [chunk\\_apply](#).

This function only works in R sessions started from gdalcubes streaming.

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")

L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B04", "B05"))
f <- function() {
  x <- read_chunk_as_array()
  out <- reduce_time(x, function(x) {
    cor(x[1,], x[2,], use="na.or.complete", method = "kendall")
  })
}
```

```

    write_chunk_from_array(out)
  }
  L8.cor = chunk_apply(L8.cube, f)
  plot(L8.cor, zlim=c(0,1), key.pos=1)

```

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reduce	<i>Reduce all bands of a data cube over the time dimension with a single reducer function</i>
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---

### Description

Create a proxy data cube, which applies a single reducer function over per-band pixel time series of a data cube

### Usage

```
reduce(cube, reducer = c("mean", "median", "min", "max"))
```

### Arguments

cube	source data cube
reducer	reducer function, currently "min", "max", "median", "mean", "count", "sd", "var", or "sum"

### Value

proxy data cube object

### Note

Implemented reducers will ignore any NAN values (as `na.rm=TRUE` does).

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

This function is deprecated and will be replaced by the more flexible [reduce\\_time](#).

### Examples

```

# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,

```

```

        bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
        srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.rgb = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02", "B03", "B04"))
L8.rgb.median = reduce(L8.rgb, "median")
L8.rgb.median

```

---

reduce\_space

*Reduce multidimensional data over space*

---

### Description

This generic function applies a reducer function over a data cube, an R array, or other classes if implemented.

### Usage

```
reduce_space(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    object to be reduced  
 ...                  further arguments passed to specific implementations

### Value

return value and type depend on the class of x

### See Also

[reduce\\_space.cube](#)  
[reduce\\_space.array](#)

### Examples

```

# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
reduce_space(raster_cube(L8.col, v) , "median(B02)")

```



```
d <- c(4,16,32,32)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
y <- reduce_space(x, function(v) {
  apply(v, 1, mean)
})
```

---

reduce_space.array	<i>Apply a function over space and bands in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array</i>
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### Description

Apply a function over space and bands in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'array'
reduce_space(x, FUN, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	four-dimensional input array with dimensions band, time, y, x (in this order)
FUN	function which receives one spatial slice in a three-dimensional array with dimensions bands, y, x as input
...	further arguments passed to FUN

### Details

FUN is expected to produce a numeric vector (or scalar) where elements are interpreted as new bands in the result.

### Note

This is a helper function that uses the same dimension ordering as gdalcubes streaming. It can be used to simplify the application of R functions e.g. over spatial slices in a data cube.

### Examples

```
d <- c(4,16,32,32)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
# reduce individual bands over spatial slices
y <- reduce_space(x, function(v) {
  apply(v, 1, mean)
})
dim(y)
```

---

reduce\_space.cube      *Reduce a data cube over spatial (x,y or lat,lon) dimensions*

---

### Description

Create a proxy data cube, which applies one or more reducer functions to selected bands over spatial slices of a data cube

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
reduce_space(x, expr, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	source data cube
expr	either a single string, or a vector of strings defining which reducers will be applied over which bands of the input cube
...	optional additional expressions (if expr is not a vector)

### Details

Notice that expressions have a very simple format: the reducer is followed by the name of a band in parantheses. You cannot add more complex functions or arguments.

Possible reducers currently are "min", "max", "sum", "prod", "count", "mean", "median", "var", "sd".

### Value

proxy data cube object

### Note

Implemented reducers will ignore any NAN values (as na.rm=TRUE does).

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}
```

```
L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.b02 = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02"))
L8.b02.median = reduce_space(L8.b02, "median(B02)")
L8.b02.median
```

---

reduce\_time

*Reduce multidimensional data over time*


---

## Description

This generic function applies a reducer function over a data cube, an R array, or other classes if implemented.

## Usage

```
reduce_time(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

`x` object to be reduced  
`...` further arguments passed to specific implementations

## Value

return value and type depend on the class of `x`

## See Also

[reduce\\_time.cube](#)  
[reduce\\_time.array](#)

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
```

```

reduce_time(raster_cube(L8.col, v) , "median(B02)", "median(B03)", "median(B04)")

d <- c(4,16,32,32)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
y <- reduce_time(x, function(v) {
  apply(v, 1, mean)
})

```

---

reduce_time.array	<i>Apply a function over time and bands in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array</i>
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### Description

Apply a function over time and bands in a four-dimensional (band, time, y, x) array

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'array'
reduce_time(x, FUN, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	four-dimensional input array with dimensions band, time, y, x (in this order)
FUN	function which receives one time series in a two-dimensional array with dimensions bands, time as input
...	further arguments passed to FUN

### Details

FUN is expected to produce a numeric vector (or scalar) where elements are interpreted as new bands in the result.

### Note

This is a helper function that uses the same dimension ordering as gdalcubes streaming. It can be used to simplify the application of R functions e.g. over time series in a data cube.

### Examples

```

d <- c(4,16,32,32)
x <- array(rnorm(prod(d)), d)
# reduce individual bands over pixel time series
y <- reduce_time(x, function(v) {
  apply(v, 1, mean)
})
dim(y)

```

---

reduce_time.cube	<i>Reduce a data cube over the time dimension</i>
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**Description**

Create a proxy data cube, which applies one or more reducer functions to selected bands over pixel time series of a data cube

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
reduce_time(x, expr, ..., FUN, names = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	source data cube
expr	either a single string, or a vector of strings defining which reducers will be applied over which bands of the input cube
...	optional additional expressions (if expr is not a vector)
FUN	a user-defined R function applied over pixel time series (see Details)
names	character vector; if FUN is provided, names can be used to define the number and name of output bands

**Details**

The function can either apply a built-in reducer if expr is given, or apply a custom R reducer function if FUN is provided.

In the former case, notice that expressions have a very simple format: the reducer is followed by the name of a band in parantheses. You cannot add more complex functions or arguments. Possible reducers currently are "min", "max", "sum", "prod", "count", "mean", "median", "var", "sd", "which\_min", and "which\_max".

User-defined R reducer functions receive a two-dimensional array as input where rows correspond to the band and columns represent the time dimension. For example, one row is the time series of a specific band. FUN should always return a numeric vector with the same number of elements, which will be interpreted as bands in the result cube. Notice that it is recommended to specify the names of the output bands as a character vector. If names are missing, the number and names of output bands is tried to be derived automatically, which may fail in some cases.

**Value**

proxy data cube object

**Note**

Implemented reducers will ignore any NAN values (as na.rm=TRUE does)

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```

# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
    ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
  bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-06"),
  srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.rgb = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02", "B03", "B04"))
L8.rgb.median = reduce_time(L8.rgb, "median(B02)", "median(B03)", "median(B04)")
L8.rgb.median

# user defined reducer calculating interquartile ranges
L8.rgb.iqr = reduce_time(L8.rgb, names=c("iqr_R", "iqr_G", "iqr_B"), FUN = function(x) {
  c(diff(quantile(x["B04"], ], c(0.25, 0.75), na.rm=TRUE)),
    diff(quantile(x["B03"], ], c(0.25, 0.75), na.rm=TRUE)),
    diff(quantile(x["B02"], ], c(0.25, 0.75), na.rm=TRUE)))
})
L8.rgb.iqr

```

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select\_bands

*Select bands of a data cube*


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**Description**

Create a proxy data cube, which selects specific bands of a data cube. The resulting cube will drop any other bands.

**Usage**

```
select_bands(cube, bands)
```

**Arguments**

cube	source data cube
bands	character vector with band names

**Value**

proxy data cube object

**Note**

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

For performance reasons, `select_bands` should always be called directly on a cube created with [raster\\_cube](#) and drop all unneeded bands. This allows to reduce RasterIO and warp operations in GDAL.

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.rgb = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B02", "B03", "B04"))
L8.rgb
```

size

*Query data cube properties***Description**

Query data cube properties

**Usage**

```
size(obj)
```

**Arguments**

`obj` a data cube proxy object (class `cube`)

**Value**

size of a data cube (number of cells) as integer vector in the order t, y, x

**See Also**

[dim.cube](#)

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
size(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```

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srs

*Query data cube properties*

---

## Description

Query data cube properties

## Usage

```
srs(obj)
```

## Arguments

obj                    a data cube proxy object (class cube)

## Value

The spatial reference system expressed as a string readable by GDAL

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-06"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
srs(raster_cube(L8.col, v))
```



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window_time	<i>Apply a moving window operation over time</i>
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### Description

This generic function applies a reducer function over a moving window over the time dimension of a data cube, an R array, or other classes if implemented.

### Usage

```
window_time(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	object to be reduced
...	further arguments passed to specific implementations

### Value

value and type depend on the class of x

### See Also

[window\\_time.cube](#)

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-07"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 400, dt="P1M")

L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.nir = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B05"))
window_time(L8.nir, window = c(2,2), "min(B05)")
window_time(L8.nir, kernel=c(-1,1), window=c(1,0))
```

---

window_time.cube	<i>Apply a moving window function over the time dimension of a data cube</i>
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---

### Description

Create a proxy data cube, which applies one or more moving window functions to selected bands over pixel time series of a data cube. The function can either use a predefined aggregation function or apply a custom convolution kernel.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cube'
window_time(x, expr, ..., kernel, window)
```

### Arguments

x	source data cube
expr	either a single string, or a vector of strings defining which reducers will be applied over which bands of the input cube
...	optional additional expressions (if expr is not a vector)
kernel	numeric vector with elements of the kernel
window	integer vector with two elements defining the size of the window before and after a cell, the total size of the window is window[1] + 1 + window[2]

### Details

The function either applies a kernel convolution (if the kernel argument is provided) or a general reducer function over moving temporal windows. In the former case, the kernel convolution will be applied over all bands of the input cube, i.e., the output cube will have the same number of bands as the input cubes. If a kernel is given and the window argument is missing, the window will be symmetric to the center pixel with the size of the provided kernel. For general reducer functions, the window argument must be provided and several expressions can be used to create multiple bands in the output cube.

Notice that expressions have a very simple format: the reducer is followed by the name of a band in parentheses. You cannot add more complex functions or arguments.

Possible reducers currently are "min", "max", "sum", "prod", "count", "mean", "median".

### Value

proxy data cube object

### Note

Implemented reducers will ignore any NAN values (as na.rm=TRUE does).

This function returns a proxy object, i.e., it will not start any computations besides deriving the shape of the result.

**Examples**

```

# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-07"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 400, dt="P1M")

L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.nir = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B05"))
L8.nir.min = window_time(L8.nir, window = c(2,2), "min(B05)")
L8.nir.min

L8.nir.kernel = window_time(L8.nir, kernel=c(-1,1), window=c(1,0))
L8.nir.kernel

```

---

```
write_chunk_from_array
```

*Write chunk data of a cube to stdout or a file*

---

**Description**

This function can be used within function passed to [chunk\\_apply](#) in order to pass four-dimensional R arrays as a data cube chunk to the gdalcubes C++ library. It works only for R processes, which have been started from the gdalcubes C++ library. The input array must have dimensions band, time, y, x (in this order).

**Usage**

```
write_chunk_from_array(v)
```

**Arguments**

v                    four-dimensional array with dimensions band, time, y, and x

**Note**

Call this function ONLY from a function passed to [chunk\\_apply](#).

This function only works in R sessions started from gdalcubes streaming.

## Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-01", t1="2018-12"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")

L8.cube = raster_cube(L8.col, v)
L8.cube = select_bands(L8.cube, c("B04", "B05"))
f <- function() {
  x <- read_chunk_as_array()
  out <- reduce_time(x, function(x) {
    cor(x[1,], x[2,], use="na.or.complete", method = "kendall")
  })
  write_chunk_from_array(out)
}
L8.cor = chunk_apply(L8.cube, f)
plot(L8.cor, zlim=c(0,1), key.pos=1)
```

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write\_ncdf

*Export a data cube as a netCDF file*

---

## Description

This function will read chunks of a data cube and write them to a single netCDF file. The resulting file uses the enhanced netCDF-4 format (for chunking and compression).

## Usage

```
write_ncdf(x, fname = tempfile(pattern = "gdalcubes", fileext = ".nc"),
           overwrite = FALSE, write_json_descr = FALSE, with_VRT = FALSE,
           pack = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	a data cube proxy object (class cube)
fname	output file name
overwrite	logical; overwrite output file if it already exists
write_json_descr	logical; write a JSON description of x as additional file

with_VRT	logical; write additional VRT datasets (one per time slice)
pack	reduce output file size by packing values (see Details), defaults to no packing

### Details

The resulting netCDF file contains three dimensions (t, y, x) and bands as variables.

If `write_json_descr` is TRUE, the function will write an addition file with the same name as the NetCDF file but ".json" suffix. This file includes a serialized description of the input data cube, including all chained data cube operations.

To reduce the size of created files, values can be packed by applying a scale factor and an offset value and using a smaller integer data type for storage. The `pack` argument can be either NULL (the default), or a list with elements `type`, `scale`, `offset`, and `nodata`. `type` can be any of "uint8", "uint16", "uint32", "int16", or "int32". `scale`, `offset`, and `nodata` must be numeric vectors with length one or length equal to the number of data cube bands (to use different values for different bands). The helper function `pack_minmax` can be used to derive offset and scale values with maximum precision from minimum and maximum data values on original scale.

### Value

returns (invisibly) the path of the created netCDF file

### See Also

[https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/docs/netcdf\\_introduction.html](https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf/docs/netcdf_introduction.html)  
[gdalcubes\\_set\\_ncdf\\_compression](#)  
[pack\\_minmax](#)

### Examples

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-04"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
write_ncdf(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05")), fname=tempfile(fileext = ".nc"))
```

---

write_tif	<i>Export a data cube as a collection of GeoTIFF files</i>
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## Description

This function will time slices of a data cube as GeoTIFF files in a given directory.

## Usage

```
write_tif(x, dir = tempfile(pattern = ""),
         prefix = basename(tempfile(pattern = "cube_")), overviews = FALSE,
         COG = FALSE, rsmpl_overview = "nearest", creation_options = NULL,
         write_json_descr = FALSE, pack = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x	a data cube proxy object (class cube)
dir	destination directory
prefix	output file name
overviews	logical; generate overview images
COG	logical; create cloud-optimized GeoTIFF files (forces overviews=TRUE)
rsmpl_overview	resampling method for overviews (image pyramid) generation (see <a href="https://gdal.org/programs/gdaladdo.html">https://gdal.org/programs/gdaladdo.html</a> for available methods)
creation_options	additional creation options for resulting GeoTIFF files, e.g. to define compression (see <a href="https://gdal.org/drivers/raster/gtiff.html#creation-options">https://gdal.org/drivers/raster/gtiff.html#creation-options</a> )
write_json_descr	logical; write a JSON description of x as additional file
pack	reduce output file size by packing values (see Details), defaults to no packing

## Details

If `write_json_descr` is TRUE, the function will write an additional file with name according to `prefix` (if not missing) or simply `cube.json`. This file includes a serialized description of the input data cube, including all chained data cube operations.

Additional GDAL creation options for resulting GeoTIFF files must be passed as a named list of simple strings, where element names refer to the key. For example, `creation_options = list("COMPRESS" = "DEFLATE", "ZLEVEL" = "5")` would enable deflate compression at level 5.

To reduce the size of created files, values can be packed by applying a scale factor and an offset value and using a smaller integer data type for storage. The `pack` argument can be either NULL (the default), or a list with elements `type`, `scale`, `offset`, and `nodata`. `type` can be any of "uint8", "uint16", "uint32", "int16", or "int32". `scale`, `offset`, and `nodata` must be numeric vectors with length one or length equal to the number of data cube bands (to use different values for different bands). The helper function `pack_minmax` can be used to derive offset and scale values with maximum precision from minimum and maximum data values on original scale.

If overviews=TRUE, the numbers of pixels are halved until the longer spatial dimensions counts less than 256 pixels. Setting COG=TRUE automatically sets overviews=TRUE.

**Value**

returns (invisibly) a vector of paths pointing to the created GeoTIFF files

**See Also**

[pack\\_minmax](#)

**Examples**

```
# create image collection from example Landsat data only
# if not already done in other examples
if (!file.exists(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))) {
  L8_files <- list.files(system.file("L8NY18", package = "gdalcubes"),
                        ".TIF", recursive = TRUE, full.names = TRUE)
  create_image_collection(L8_files, "L8_L1TP", file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
}

L8.col = image_collection(file.path(tempdir(), "L8.db"))
v = cube_view(extent=list(left=388941.2, right=766552.4,
                          bottom=4345299, top=4744931, t0="2018-04", t1="2018-04"),
              srs="EPSG:32618", nx = 497, ny=526, dt="P1M")
write_tif(select_bands(raster_cube(L8.col, v), c("B04", "B05")), dir=)
```

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