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## Description

The package provides ‘rlang’ data masks for the SummarizedExperiment class. The enables the evaluation of unquoted expression in different contexts of the SummarizedExperiment object with optional access to other contexts. The goal for ‘plyxp’ is for evaluation to feel like a data.frame object without ever needing to unwind to a rectangular data.frame.

## Value

API for using S4 classes with rlang data masks

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/jtlandis/plyxp>
- <https://jtlandis.github.io/plyxp>
- Report bugs at <https://www.github.com/jtlandis/plyxp/issues>

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|         |                                                           |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| arrange | <i>arrange rows or columns of PlySummarizedExperiment</i> |
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## Description

arrange() orders either the rows or columns of a PlySummarizedExperiment object. Note, to guarantee a valid PlySummarizedExperiment is returned, arranging in the assays evaluation context is disabled.

Unlike other dplyr verbs, arrange() largely ignores grouping. The PlySummarizedExperiment method also provides the same functionality via the .by\_group argument.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
arrange(.data, ..., .by_group = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>.data</code>     | An object Inheriting from <code>PlySummarizedExperiment</code> , the wrapper class for <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> objects |
| <code>...</code>       | <data-masking> Variables, or functions of variables. Use <code>desc()</code> to sort a variable in descending order.             |
| <code>.by_group</code> | If TRUE, will sort first by grouping variable. Applies to grouped data frames only.                                              |

**Value**

an object inheriting `PlySummarizedExperiment` class

**Examples**

```
# arrange within rows/cols contexts separately
arrange(
  se_simple,
  rows(direction),
  cols(dplyr::desc(condition))
)

# access assay data to compute arrangement
arrange(
  se_simple,
  rows(rowSums(.assays_asis$counts)),
  cols(colSums(.assays_asis$counts))
)

# assay context is disabled
arrange(se_simple, counts) |> try()

# convert to `data.frame` first
as.data.frame(se_simple) |>
  arrange(counts)
```

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|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| as.data.frame | <i>create data.frame</i> |
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**Description**

create data.frame

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> object |
| <code>...</code> | unused arguments                         |

**Value**

a data.frame object

**Examples**

```
as.data.frame(se_simple)
```

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|              |                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| dot-pronouns | <i>contextual plyxp pronouns</i> |
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**Description**

plyxp utilizes its own version of `rlang::.data` pronouns. These may be used to gain access to other evaluation contexts for a managed set of data-masks.

Similar to `rlang::.data`, `plyxp::.assays` and other exported pronouns are exported to pass R CMD Checks. When using a `plyxp` within your package, import the associated pronoun from `plyxp` but only use the fully unqualified name, `.assays`, `.assays_asis`, etc.

**Usage**

```
.assays
```

```
.assays_asis
```

```
.rows
```

```
.rows_asis
```

```
.cols
```

```
.cols_asis
```

**Format**

An object of class `NULL` of length 0.

An object of class `NULL` of length 0.

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An object of class `NULL` of length 0.

An object of class `NULL` of length 0.

**Value**

access to specific values behind the `rlang` pronoun

## Examples

```
mutate(
  se_simple,
  # access via pronoun
  rows(sum = rowSums(.assays_asis$counts)),
  cols(sum = vapply(.assays$counts, sum, numeric(1)))
)
```

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filter

*filter PlySummarizedExperiment*


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## Description

The `filter()` function is used to subset an object, returning the observations that satisfy your conditions. An observation must return TRUE for all conditions within a context to be retained. Note, to guarantee a valid `PlySummarizedExperiment` is returned, filtering in the assays evaluation context is disabled.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
filter(.data, ..., .preserve = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>.data</code>     | An object Inheriting from <code>PlySummarizedExperiment</code> , the wrapper class for <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> objects                                                                                  |
| <code>...</code>       | conditions to filter on. These must be wrapped in <code>cols()</code> and or <code>rows()</code>                                                                                                                  |
| <code>.preserve</code> | Relevant when the <code>.data</code> input is grouped. If <code>.preserve = FALSE</code> (the default), the grouping structure is recalculated based on the resulting data, i.e. the number of groups may change. |

## Value

an object inheriting `PlySummarizedExperiment` class

## Examples

```
# example code
filter(
  se_simple,
  rows(length > 30),
  cols(condition == "drug")
)

filter(
  se_simple,
  rows(rowSums(.assays_asis$counts) > 40),
  cols(colSums(.assays_asis$counts) < 50)
)
```

```
# assay context is disabled
filter(
  se_simple,
  counts > 12
) |> try()

# convert to `data.frame` first
as.data.frame(se_simple) |>
  filter(counts > 12)
```

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|----------|------------------------------------------------|
| group_by | <i>apply groups to PlySummarizedExperiment</i> |
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## Description

create grouping variables about the rowData and colData of a PlySummarizedExperiment object. Unlike the data.frame method the resulting output class is left unchanged. Thus dplyr generics for PlySummarizedExperiment must check grouping information manually.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
group_by(.data, ..., .add = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
ungroup(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| .data | An object Inheriting from PlySummarizedExperiment, the wrapper class for SummarizedExperiment objects                                                                                                                                               |
|       | <b>S4 Compatibility:</b><br>At the moment, grouping on S4 Vectors is not yet supported. This is due to plyxp using [vec_group_loc][vctrs::vec_group_loc] to form grouping information. plyxp will eventually develop a method to handle S4 Vectors. |
| ...   | <a href="#">contextual expressions</a> specifying which columns to ungroup. Omitting ... ungroups the entire object.                                                                                                                                |
| .add  | When FALSE, the default, group_by() will override existing groups.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| x     | An object Inheriting from PlySummarizedExperiment, the wrapper class for SummarizedExperiment objects                                                                                                                                               |

## Value

PlySummarizedExperiment object

## Functions

- `ungroup(PlySummarizedExperiment)`: Ungroup a PlySummarizedExperiment object

Examples

```
group_by(se_simple, rows(direction), cols(condition))
```

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| group_data | <i>get grouping data</i> |
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Description

retrieve grouping information from a SummarizedExperiment object. This is stored within the metadata() of the object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'  
group_data(.data)
```

Arguments

.data                   An object Inheriting from PlySummarizedExperiment, the wrapper class for SummarizedExperiment objects

Value

list of groupings for an SummarizedExperiment

Examples

```
group_by(se_simple, rows(direction), cols(condition)) |> group_data()
```

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|             |                                                        |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| group_split | <i>Split a PlySummarizedExperiment based on groups</i> |
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Description

Splits a grouped PlySummarizedExperiment based on groups. Note the elements of the return value are ungrouped PlySummarizedExperiment objects.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'  
group_split(.tbl, ..., .keep = TRUE)
```

Arguments

.tbl                   a PlySummarizedExperiment object  
...                   ignored if the .tbl is grouped, otherwise it is passed to [group\\_by](#).  
.keep                 logical indicating of grouping variables should be kept

**Value**

A list of PlySummarizedExperiment objects

**Examples**

```
gse <- group_by(se_simple, rows(direction), cols(condition))
gse |> group_split()
gse |> group_split(.keep = FALSE)
```

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| group_vars | <i>get PlySummarizedExperiment grouping Variables</i> |
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**Description**

like in `dplyr::group_vars()` will get character strings for groupings with the exception of the return value being a list for each grouped context

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
group_vars(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      PlySummarizedExperiment

**Value**

NULL or list containing names of grouping columns

**Examples**

```
out <- group_by(se_simple, rows(direction))
group_vars(out)
```

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|             |                                 |
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| list_unchop | <i>unchop a list of objects</i> |
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**Description**

A generic version of `vctrs::list_unchop` meant to support S4 Vectors.

**Usage**

```
list_unchop(x, ptype = NULL, ..., indices = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x       | a list                                                                                                                          |
| ptype   | the expected prototype of the output                                                                                            |
| ...     | unused arguments                                                                                                                |
| indices | optional list of integer vectors whose size is equal to that of x. This maps the the final index of each element in the output. |

**Value**

an object of type ptype or the common ptype of elements of x.

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| mutate | <i>Mutate a PlySummarizedExperiment object</i> |
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**Description**

Mutate a PlySummarizedExperiment object under an data mask. Unlike a few other dplyr implementations, all contextual evaluations of mutate() for SummarizedExperiment are valid.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
mutate(.data, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                                       |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| .data | An object Inheriting from PlySummarizedExperiment, the wrapper class for SummarizedExperiment objects |
| ...   | expressions to evaluate                                                                               |

**Value**

an object inheriting PlySummarizedExperiment class

**Examples**

```
mutate(se_simple,
  counts_1 = counts + 1,
  logp_counts = log(counts_1),
  # access assays context with ".assays" pronoun,
  # note that assays are sliced into a list to
  # fit dimensions of cols context
  cols(sum = purrr::map_dbl(.assays$counts, sum)),
  # access assays context "asis" with the same pronoun
  # but with a "_asis" suffix.
  rows(sum = rowSums(.assays_asis$counts))
)
```

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`new_plyxp`*SummarizedExperiment Shell Object*

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**Description**

A container object for the `SummarizedExperiment` class.

This S4 class is implemented to bring unique `dplyr` syntax to the `SummarizedExperiment` object without clashing with the `tidySummarizedExperiment` package. As such, this is a simple wrapper that contains one slot, which holds a `SummarizedExperiment` object.

**Usage**

```
new_plyxp(se)
```

```
PlySummarizedExperiment(se)
```

**Arguments**

`se` `SummarizedExperiment` object

**Value**

`PlySummarizedExperiment` object

**Slots**

`se` contains the underlying `SummarizedExperiment` class.

**Examples**

```
se <- SummarizedExperiment(  
  assays = list(counts = matrix(1:6, nrow = 3)),  
  colData = S4Vectors::DataFrame(condition = c("A", "B"))  
)  
new_plyxp(se = se)  
# or  
PlySummarizedExperiment(se = se)
```

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`plyxp`*Modify SummarizedExperiment Object*

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**Description**

Modify the underlying `SummarizedExperiment` object with a function.

**Usage**

```
plyxp(.data, .f, ..., .caller = caller_env())
```

```
plyxp_on(.data, .f, ..., .on, .caller = caller_env())
```

**Arguments**

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>.data</code>   | a <code>PlySummarizedExperiment</code> object                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>.f</code>      | within <code>plyxp()</code> : a function that returns a <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> object. within <code>plyxp_on()</code> : <code>.f</code> should return a value compatible with <code>.on(se)&lt;-</code> |
| <code>...</code>     | additional arguments passed to <code>.f</code>                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>.caller</code> | environment in which <code>plyxp</code> should signal an error if one occurs.                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>.on</code>     | a symbol matching an accessor and setter function for the <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> Class.                                                                                                                 |

**Value**

a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object

**Functions**

- `plyxp_on()`: pass a function to the result of an accessor of the `SummarizedExperiment` Class  
This function is a wrapper for the expression:

```
plyxp::plyxp(.data, function(se, ...) {
  .f <- rlang::as_function(.f)
  obj <- .on(se)
  obj <- .f(se, ...)
  .on(se) <- obj
  se
}, ...)
```

where `.on` is the symbol for the accessor function into a `SummarizedExperiment` Class. Note: the setter variant must exist in the environment that `plyxp_on()` is called. All other arguments are diffused as quosures and will be evaluated in the environment they were quoted.

**Examples**

```
plyxp(se_simple, function(x) x)
plyxp_on(se_simple,
  .f = lapply, # function to call on `.on` args,
  .on = rowData, # data `.f` will be used on
  paste, "foo"
) # arguments for `.f`
```

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plyxp-context

*plyxp contexts*

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**Description**

Contextual user-facing helper function for `dplyr` verbs with `SummarizedExperiment` objects. These functions are intended to be used as the top level call to any `dplyr` verbs `...` argument, similar to that of `across()/if_any()/if_all()`.

Specifies that the following expressions should be evaluated within the `colData` context.

Specifies that the following expressions should be evaluated within the `rowData` context.

Specify a single expression to evaluate in another context

Specify a single expression to evaluate in another context

Specify a single expression to evaluate in another context

**Usage**

```
cols(...)

rows(...)

col_ctx(x, asis = FALSE)

row_ctx(x, asis = FALSE)

assay_ctx(x, asis = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`x, ...` expressions to evaluate within its associated context

`asis` `asis = FALSE` (the default) will indicate using active bindings that attempt to coerce the underlying data into a format that is appropriate for the current context. Indicating `TRUE` will instead bind the underlying data as is.

**Value**

function called for its side-effects

**Examples**

```
# cols
mutate(se_simple,
  cols(is_drug = condition == "drug"),
  # bind a different context
  effect = col_ctx(counts + (is_drug * rbinom(n(), 20, .3)))
)
```

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|------|---------------------------------|
| pull | <i>extract data from object</i> |
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**Description**

similar to `dplyr::pull.data.frame` except allows to extract objects from different contexts.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
pull(.data, var = -1, name = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`.data` An object Inheriting from `PlySummarizedExperiment`, the wrapper class for `SummarizedExperiment` objects

`var` A variable as specified by [dplyr::pull](#)

`name` ignored argument. Due to the range of data types a `PlySummarizedExperiment` this argument is not supported

`...` unused argument

**Value**

an element from either the assays, rowData, or colData of a SummarizedExperiment object

**Examples**

```
# last element of default context (assays)
pull(se_simple, var = -1)
# first element of rows context
pull(se_simple, var = rows(1))
# element from col context by literal variable name
pull(se_simple, var = cols(condition))

# use `pull()` to return contextual info
mutate(se_simple, rows(counts = .assays$counts)) |>
  # get last stored element
  pull(rows(-1))
```

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reexports

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*Objects exported from other packages*


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**Description**

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

**S4Vectors** [metadata](#), [metadata<-](#)

**SummarizedExperiment** [assay](#), [assay<-](#), [assays](#), [assays<-](#), [colData](#), [colData<-](#), [rowData](#), [rowData<-](#), [SummarizedExperiment](#)

**Value**

exported functions available from plyxp

**See Also**

[arrange\(\)](#) [mutate\(\)](#) [filter\(\)](#) [summarize\(\)](#) [select\(\)](#) [pull\(\)](#) [group\\_by\(\)](#) [group\\_data\(\)](#) [group\\_vars\(\)](#)  
[ungroup\(\)](#) [group\\_split\(\)](#)

[PlySummarizedExperiment-methods](#)

**Examples**

```
arrange(se_simple, rows(direction)) |>
  mutate(logp_counts = log1p(counts)) |>
  filter(cols(condition == "drug"))

assays(se_simple)
rowData(se_simple)
colData(se_simple)
```

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se

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*PlySummarizedExperiment Methods*

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**Description**

Methods from SummarizedExperiment package re-implemented for PlySummarizedExperiment.

**Usage**

```
se(x)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
se(x)

se(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
se(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
se(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
se(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
assays(x, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,list'
assays(x, withDimnames = TRUE, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,SimpleList'
assays(x, withDimnames = TRUE, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,missing'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,numeric'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,character'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,missing'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,numeric'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,character'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...) <- value
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
rowData(x, use.names = TRUE, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
rowData(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
colData(x, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,DataFrame'
colData(x, ...) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,NULL'
colData(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
metadata(x, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
metadata(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
rownames(x)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
colnames(x)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
nrow(x)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
ncol(x)

## S4 method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
dimnames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,list'
dimnames(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'PlySummarizedExperiment,NULL'
dimnames(x) <- value

```

### Arguments

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>            | PlySummarizedExperiment object |
| <code>value</code>        | replacement value              |
| <code>withDimnames</code> | logical                        |
| <code>...</code>          | additional arguments           |
| <code>i</code>            | character or numeric index     |
| <code>use.names</code>    | logical                        |

## Value

Replacement functions return a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object. Other functions will return the same object as the method from `SummarizedExperiment`.

## Functions

- `se(PlySummarizedExperiment)`: get the `se` slot of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `se(x) <- value`: set the `se` slot of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `se(PlySummarizedExperiment) <- value`: set the `se` slot of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `se(SummarizedExperiment)`: get the `SummarizedExperiment` object
- `se(SummarizedExperiment) <- value`: get the `SummarizedExperiment` object
- `assays(PlySummarizedExperiment)`: get the assays of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assays(x = PlySummarizedExperiment) <- value`: set the assays of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assays(x = PlySummarizedExperiment) <- value`: set the assays of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = missing)`: get the first assay of the `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = numeric)`: get assay from a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = character)`: get assay from a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = missing) <- value`: set assay in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = numeric) <- value`: set assay in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `assay(x = PlySummarizedExperiment, i = character) <- value`: set assay in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `rowData(PlySummarizedExperiment)`: get `rowData` in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `rowData(PlySummarizedExperiment) <- value`: set `rowData` in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `colData(PlySummarizedExperiment)`: get `colData` in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object
- `colData(x = PlySummarizedExperiment) <- value`: set `colData` in a `PlySummarizedExperiment` object

## Examples

```
assays(se_simple)
rowData(se_simple)
colData(se_simple)
```

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|        |                                                  |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| select | <i>select assays, rowData, and colData names</i> |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Select one or more values from each context. By default omitting an expression for a context is the same as selecting NOTHING from that context.

The `<tidy-select>` implementation within `plyxp` is almost similar to `dplyr` except when used within the `across()` function. When used from `across()`, the data provided to `eval_select` is a zero length slice of the data. This was an intentional choice to prevent the evaluation of potentially expensive chopping operations for `S4Vectors`. This means that predicate function from `where()` will NOT be able to query the original data.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
select(.data, ...)
```

## Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>.data</code> | An object Inheriting from <code>PlySummarizedExperiment</code> , the wrapper class for <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> objects                   |
| <code>...</code>   | <code>&lt;tidy-select&gt;</code> one or more selection expressions. Supports wrapping expressions within the <code>&lt;plyxp-contexts&gt;</code> . |

## Value

an object inheriting `PlySummarizedExperiment` class

## Examples

```
# only keep assays, other contexts are dropped
select(se_simple, everything())

# only keep rowData, other contexts are dropped
select(se_simple, rows(everything()))

select(se_simple, rows(where(is.numeric)))

# Note on `where()` clause, all data is available within select
select(se_simple, rows(where(~ any(grepl("-", .x)))))

# within an `across()`, only a zero-length slice available, so the
# `where()` predicate cannot access the data
mutate(
  se_simple,
  rows(
    across(
      where(~ any(grepl("-", .x))),
      ~ sprintf("%s foo", .x)
    )
  )
)
```

```

    )
  )
  # here is an acceptable usage of the `where()` predicate
  mutate(
    se_simple,
    rows(
      across(
        where(is.character),
        ~ sprintf("%s foo", .x)
      )
    )
  )
)

```

se\_simple

*Plyxp Simple Example Summarized Experiment***Description**

A small data SummarizedExperiment Object of 20 observations, 5 rows and 4 columns.

**Usage**

```
se_simple
```

**Format**

```

se_simple:
assays counts sampled data points between 1:20
logcounts log transform of counts
rowData/.features gene fake gene name
length fake gene length
direction fake strand
colData/.samples sample fake sample name
condition control or drug treatment

```

**Value**

a SummarizedExperiment object

**Examples**

```

SummarizedExperiment::assays(se_simple)
SummarizedExperiment::rowData(se_simple)
SummarizedExperiment::colData(se_simple)

```

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|       |                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------|
| slice | <i>Slice a PlySummarizedExperiment</i> |
|-------|----------------------------------------|

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### Description

slice() selects rows and/or columns by position.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
slice(.data, ..., .preserve = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| .data     | a PlySummarizedExperiment object                                                                                                                                                   |
| ...       | expressions that resolve to integer values to slice, .data by. Note that only the rows() and cols() contexts are available here.                                                   |
| .preserve | Logical value. When FALSE, the default, group combinations are recomputed based on the resulting data. When TRUE, group combinations are retained, despite any groups being empty. |

### Examples

```
gse <- group_by(se_simple, rows(direction), cols(condition))
sgse <- slice(gse, rows(which(direction == "-")))
group_data(gse)
group_data(sgse)
sgse2 <- slice(gse, rows(which(direction == "-")), .preserve = TRUE)
group_data(sgse2)
```

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|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| summarize | <i>Summarize PlySummarizedExperiment</i> |
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### Description

Summarize PlySummarizedExperiment

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
summarize(.data, ..., .retain = c("auto", "ungrouped", "none"))

## S3 method for class 'PlySummarizedExperiment'
summarise(.data, ..., .retain = c("auto", "ungrouped", "none"))
```

**Arguments**

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>.data</code>   | An object Inheriting from <code>PlySummarizedExperiment</code> , the wrapper class for <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> objects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>...</code>     | expressions to summarize the object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>.retain</code> | This argument controls how <code>rowData()</code> or <code>colData()</code> is retained after summarizing. When "auto" (the default), <code>.retain</code> behavior depends on the groupings of <code>.data</code> . When exactly one dimension is grouped, "auto" behaves like "ungrouped-dim", and "none" otherwise. When "ungrouped-dim", the ungrouped dimension's data are retained in the resulting <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> object and scalar outputs are recycled to the length of the ungrouped dimension. When "none", all outputs are expected to be scalar and only computed values are retained in <code>rowData()</code> and <code>colData()</code> |

**Value**

an object inheriting `PlySummarizedExperiment` class

**Examples**

```
# outputs in assay context may be either
# length 1, or the length of the ungrouped
# dimension while .retain = "auto"/"ungrouped-dim"
se_simple |>
  group_by(rows(direction)) |>
  summarise(
    col_sums = colSums(counts),
    sample = sample(1:20, 1L)
  )

# .retain = "none" will drop ungrouped dimensions and
# outputs of assay context should be length 1.
se_simple |>
  group_by(rows(direction)) |>
  summarise(
    col_sums = list(colSums(counts)),
    .retain = "none"
  )

# using an `across()` function will help
# nest ungrouped dimensions
se_simple |>
  group_by(rows(direction)) |>
  summarise(
    col_sums = list(colSums(counts)),
    cols(across(everything(), list)),
    .retain = "none"
  )
```

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| vctrs-vec_chop | <i>chop a vector</i> |
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### Description

A re-export of `vctrs::vec_chop` as an S7 generic function to allow S4Vectors.

### Usage

```
vec_chop(x, ..., indices = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>       | A vector                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>...</code>     | These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>indices</code> | For <code>vec_chop()</code> , a list of positive integer vectors to slice <code>x</code> with, or <code>NULL</code> . Can't be used if <code>sizes</code> is already specified. If both <code>indices</code> and <code>sizes</code> are <code>NULL</code> , <code>x</code> is split into its individual elements, equivalent to using an <code>indices</code> of <code>as.list(vec_seq_along(x))</code> .<br><br>For <code>list_unchop()</code> , a list of positive integer vectors specifying the locations to place elements of <code>x</code> in. Each element of <code>x</code> is recycled to the size of the corresponding index vector. The size of <code>indices</code> must match the size of <code>x</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , <code>x</code> is combined in the order it is provided in, which is equivalent to using <code>vec_c()</code> . |

### Value

a S3 or S4 vector

### Examples

```
vec_chop(1L)
vec_chop(S4Vectors::Rle(c(rep(1, 3), rep(4, 5))), indices = list(c(2, 3, 4), c(1, 5:8)))
```

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| vctrs-vec_recycle | <i>Recycle a vector</i> |
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### Description

A re-export of `vctrs::vec_recycle` as an S7 generic function to allow S4Vectors.

### Usage

```
vec_recycle(x, size, ..., x_arg = "", call = caller_env())
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>     | A vector to recycle.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>size</code>  | Desired output size.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>...</code>   | Depending on the function used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For <code>vec_recycle_common()</code>, vectors to recycle.</li> <li>For <code>vec_recycle()</code>, these dots should be empty.</li> </ul>                                         |
| <code>x_arg</code> | Argument name for <code>x</code> . These are used in error messages to inform the user about which argument has an incompatible size.                                                                                                                     |
| <code>call</code>  | The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. <code>caller_env()</code> . The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the <code>call</code> argument of <code>abort()</code> for more information. |

**Value**

a S3 or S4 vector

**Examples**

```
vec_recycle(1L, size = 5L)
vec_recycle(S4Vectors::Rle(1L), size = 5L)
```

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| vctrs-vec_rep | <i>replicate a vector</i> |
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**Description**

A re-export of `vctrs::vec_rep` and `vctrs::vec_rep_each` as an S7 generic function to allow S4Vectors.

**Usage**

```
vec_rep(
  x,
  times,
  ...,
  error_call = caller_env(),
  x_arg = "x",
  times_arg = "times"
)

vec_rep_each(
  x,
  times,
  ...,
  error_call = caller_env(),
  x_arg = "x",
  times_arg = "times"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>                | A vector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>times</code>            | For <code>vec_rep()</code> , a single integer for the number of times to repeat the entire vector.<br>For <code>vec_rep_each()</code> , an integer vector of the number of times to repeat each element of <code>x</code> . <code>times</code> will be <a href="#">recycled</a> to the size of <code>x</code> . |
| <code>...</code>              | These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>error_call</code>       | The execution environment of a currently running function, e.g. <code>caller_env()</code> . The function will be mentioned in error messages as the source of the error. See the call argument of <a href="#">abort()</a> for more information.                                                                 |
| <code>x_arg, times_arg</code> | Argument names for errors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Value**

a new S3 or S4 vector replicated by specified times

**Examples**

```
vec_rep(1:2, times = 5)
vec_rep(S4Vectors::Rle(1:2), times = 5)

vec_rep_each(1:2, times = 5)
vec_rep_each(S4Vectors::Rle(1:2), times = 5)
```

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|             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| vctrs_slice | <i>Get observations of a vector</i> |
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**Description**

This extends `vctrs::vec_slice` to `S4Vectors::Vector` class by masking `vec_slice` with `S7::new_generic`. Atomic vectors and other base S3 classes (`list`, `data.frame`, `factor`, `Dat`, `POSIXct`) will dispatch to the `vctrs::vec_slice` method as normal. Dispatch support on the `S4Vectors::Vector` and `S4Vectors::DataFrame` classes provides a unified framework for working with base R vectors and `S4Vectors`.

**S4Vectors::Vector Implementation:**

This method will naively call the `[]` method for any S4 class that inherits from the `S4Vectors::Vector` class. This may not be a very efficient way to slice up an S4 class, but will work.

With this implementation, the `x@mcol` data is expected to be retained after a call to `plyxp::vec_slice(x, i)`.

**S4Vectors::DataFrame Implementation:**

The `DataFrame` implementation works similar to how `vctrs::vec_slice` works on a `data.frame` object. What is being sliced is the rows of `x@listData`. To maintain the size stability of the `DataFrame` object, we change `@nrows` to the appropriate value, and perform a recursive call if `@elementMetadata` is not `NULL`.

**Performance:**

Depending on the size and complexity of your S4 Vector object, you may find the standard subset operation is extremely slow. For example, consider a SummarizedExperiment whose rowData contains a CompressedGRangesList object assigned to the name "exons" and whose length is 250,000 and underlying @unlistData is length 1,600,000. Performing a by .features grouping operation and attempting to evaluate the exons within the row context would force the CompressedGRangesList object to be chopped element-wise.

Unfortunately, there is a massive performance hit in attempting to construct 250,000 GRanges. Unless you do not mind waiting over an hour for each dplyr verb in which exons gets evaluated, doing so is not recommended.

The plyxp package is planning to export a new generic named plyxp\_s4\_proxy\_vec(). This attempts to reconstruct certain standard S4Vectors::Vectors as standard vectors or tibbles. The equivalent exons object would require much more memory use, but at the advantage of only taking several seconds to construct. When you are done, you can attempt to restore the original S4 Vector with plyxp\_restore\_s4\_proxy().

In development, plyxp\_s4\_proxy\_vec() is faster to work with because there are less checks on the object validity and all @elementMetadata and @metadata are dropped from the objects.

**Usage**

```
vec_slice(x, i, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | A vector                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| i   | An integer, character or logical vector specifying the locations or names of the observations to get/set. Specify TRUE to index all elements (as in x[]), or NULL, FALSE or integer() to index none (as in x[NULL]). |
| ... | These dots are for future extensions and must be empty.                                                                                                                                                              |

**Value**

a new S3 or S4 vector subsetting by i

**Examples**

```
vec_slice(1:10, i = 5)
vec_slice(S4Vectors::Rle(rep(1:3, each = 3)), i = 5)
```

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vectors

*S7 classes for vctrs and S4 Vectors*


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**Description**

A set of S7 classes and Class unions that help establish S7 method dispatch. These classes were made to re-export several vctrs functions such that internals for plyxp were consistent with room for optimization.

**Usage**

```
class_vctrs

class_s4_vctrs

class_DF
```

**Format**

An object of class S7\_union of length 1.  
 An object of class classRepresentation of length 1.  
 An object of class classRepresentation of length 1.

**Value**

S7 class union or base class

**See Also**

[vec\\_rep\(\)](#), [vec\\_recycle\(\)](#), [vec\\_slice\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# used for defining methods on S7 generics

S7::method(vec_slice, class_s4_vctrs)
```

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|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| vec_group_id | <i>Create Group Indices</i> |
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**Description**

A alternative to [vctrs::vec\\_group\\_id](#) and [vctrs::vec\\_group\\_loc](#) as an S4 generic function to allow S4Vectors.

**Usage**

```
vec_group_id(x, ...)

vec_group_loc(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| x   | a vctrs vector or an S4Vector |
| ... | unsued arguments              |

**Value**

either a tibble or DataFrame object

**Examples**

```
data <- S4Vectors::DataFrame(
  letter = sample(letters, 500, TRUE),
  LETTER = sample(letters, 500, TRUE)
)

vec_group_id(data)
vec_group_loc(data)
```

vec\_phantom

*Printing within tibble with S4 objects***Description**

plyxp uses [pillar](#) for its printing. If you want to change how your S4 object is printed within plyxp's print method, consider writing a method for this function.

To print S4 objects in a tibble, plyxp hacks a custom integer vector built from [vctrs](#) where the S4 object lives in an attribute named "phantomData". You can create your own S4 phantom vector with `vec_phantom()`. This function is not used outside of printing for plyxp

The default method for formatting a `vec_phantom()` is to call [showAsCell\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
vec_phantom(x)

plyxp_pillar_format(x, ...)

show_tidy(x, ...)

use_show_tidy()

use_show_default()
```

**Arguments**

|     |                                                          |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|
| x   | The S4 object                                            |
| ... | other arguments passed from <a href="#">pillar_shaft</a> |

**Value**

`plyxp_pillar_format` -> formatted version of your S4 vector `vec_phantom` -> integer vector with arbitrary object in `phantomData` attribute.

**tidy printing**

By default, plyxp will not affect the show method for `SummarizedExperiment` objects. The `PlySummarizedExperiment` object will always use the tibble abstraction method. If you want to use tibble abstraction, you may use `use_show_tidy()` to enable or `use_show_default()` #' to disable this feature. These functions are called for their side effects, #' modifying the global option "show\_SummarizedExperiment\_as\_tibble\_abstraction".

To show an object as the tibble abstraction regardless of the set option, use the S3 generic `show_tidy(...)`.

**Examples**

```

if (require("IRanges")) {
  ildist <- IRanges::IntegerList(list(c(1L, 2L, 3L), c(5L, 6L)))
  phantom <- vec_phantom(ildist)
  pillar::pillar_shaft(phantom)

  plyxp_pillar_format.CompressedIntegerList <- function(x) {
    sprintf("Int: [%i]", lengths(x))
  }
  print(pillar::pillar_shaft(phantom))
  rm(plyxp_pillar_format.CompressedIntegerList)
}

# default printing for PlySummarizedExperiment object
se_simple
# default printing for SummarizedExperiment object
se <- se(se_simple)
se
# use `plyxp` tibble abstraction
use_show_tidy()
se
# restore default print
use_show_default()
se
# explicitly using tibble abstraction
show_tidy(se)

```

vec\_ptype2

*Create a common prototype of two vectors***Description**

given two objects, `vec_ptype2()` finds a common prototype

**Usage**

```
vec_ptype2(x, y, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                  |
|-----|------------------|
| x   | first object     |
| y   | second object    |
| ... | unused arguments |

**Value**

an object of size 0.

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|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| vec_ptype_common | <i>find the common ptype</i> |
|------------------|------------------------------|

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**Description**

find the common ptype

**Usage**

```
vec_ptype_common(..., .ptype = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------|
| ...    | <dynamic-dots> a collection of objects |
| .ptype | the expected prototype                 |

**Value**

an object of size 0.

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