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array\_stream\_set\_finalizer

*Register an array stream finalizer*

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### Description

In some cases, R functions that return a [nanoarrow\\_array\\_stream](#) may require that the scope of some other object outlive that of the array stream. If there is a need for that object to be released deterministically (e.g., to close open files), you can register a function to run after the stream's release callback is invoked from the R thread. Note that this finalizer will **not** be run if the stream's release callback is invoked from a **non-R** thread. In this case, the finalizer and its chain of environments will be garbage-collected when `nanoarrow:::preserved_empty()` is run.

### Usage

```
array_stream_set_finalizer(array_stream, finalizer)
```

### Arguments

`array_stream` A [nanoarrow\\_array\\_stream](#)

`finalizer` A function that will be called with zero arguments.

**Value**

A newly allocated array\_stream whose release callback will call the supplied finalizer.

**Examples**

```
stream <- array_stream_set_finalizer(
  basic_array_stream(list(1:5)),
  function() message("All done!")
)
stream$release()
```

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as\_nanoarrow\_array      *Convert an object to a nanoarrow array*

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**Description**

In nanoarrow an 'array' refers to the struct ArrowArray definition in the Arrow C data interface. At the R level, we attach a [schema](#) such that functionally the nanoarrow\_array class can be used in a similar way as an arrow::Array. Note that in nanoarrow an arrow::RecordBatch and a non-nullable arrow::StructArray are represented identically.

**Usage**

```
as_nanoarrow_array(x, ..., schema = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object to convert to a array
...	Passed to S3 methods
schema	An optional schema used to enforce conversion to a particular type. Defaults to <a href="#">infer_nanoarrow_schema()</a> .

**Value**

An object of class 'nanoarrow\_array'

**Examples**

```
(array <- as_nanoarrow_array(1:5))
as.vector(array)

(array <- as_nanoarrow_array(data.frame(x = 1:5)))
as.data.frame(array)
```

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`as_nanoarrow_array_stream`*Convert an object to a nanoarrow array\_stream*

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## Description

In nanoarrow, an 'array stream' corresponds to the struct `ArrowArrayStream` as defined in the Arrow C Stream interface. This object is used to represent a stream of [arrays](#) with a common [schema](#). This is similar to an [arrow::RecordBatchReader](#) except it can be used to represent a stream of any type (not just record batches). Note that a stream of record batches and a stream of non-nullable struct arrays are represented identically. Also note that array streams are mutable objects and are passed by reference and not by value.

## Usage

```
as_nanoarrow_array_stream(x, ..., schema = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	An object to convert to a <code>array_stream</code>
<code>...</code>	Passed to S3 methods
<code>schema</code>	An optional schema used to enforce conversion to a particular type. Defaults to <a href="#">infer_nanoarrow_schema()</a> .

## Value

An object of class 'nanoarrow\_array\_stream'

## Examples

```
(stream <- as_nanoarrow_array_stream(data.frame(x = 1:5)))
stream$get_schema()
stream$get_next()

# The last batch is returned as NULL
stream$get_next()

# Release the stream
stream$release()
```

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as\_nanoarrow\_buffer     *Convert an object to a nanoarrow buffer*

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### Description

Convert an object to a nanoarrow buffer

### Usage

```
as_nanoarrow_buffer(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object to convert to a buffer
...	Passed to S3 methods

### Value

An object of class 'nanoarrow\_buffer'

### Examples

```
array <- as_nanoarrow_array(c(NA, 1:4))
array$buffers
as.raw(array$buffers[[1]])
as.raw(array$buffers[[2]])
convert_buffer(array$buffers[[1]])
convert_buffer(array$buffers[[2]])
```

---

as\_nanoarrow\_schema     *Convert an object to a nanoarrow schema*

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### Description

In nanoarrow a 'schema' refers to a struct ArrowSchema as defined in the Arrow C Data interface. This data structure can be used to represent an `arrow::schema()`, an `arrow::field()`, or an `arrow::DataType`. Note that in nanoarrow, an `arrow::schema()` and a non-nullable `arrow::struct()` are represented identically.

## Usage

```
as_nanoarrow_schema(x, ...)  
  
infer_nanoarrow_schema(x, ...)  
  
nanoarrow_schema_parse(x, recursive = FALSE)  
  
nanoarrow_schema_modify(x, new_values, validate = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	An object to convert to a schema
...	Passed to S3 methods
recursive	Use TRUE to include a children member when parsing schemas.
new_values	New schema component to assign
validate	Use FALSE to skip schema validation

## Value

An object of class 'nanoarrow\_schema'

## Examples

```
infer_nanoarrow_schema(integer())  
infer_nanoarrow_schema(data.frame(x = integer()))
```

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as\_nanoarrow\_schema.python.builtin.object  
*Python integration via reticulate*

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## Description

These functions enable Python wrapper objects created via reticulate to be used with any function that uses `as_nanoarrow_array()` or `as_nanoarrow_array_stream()` to accept generic "arrowable" input. Implementations for `reticulate::py_to_r()` and `reticulate::r_to_py()` are also included such that nanoarrow's array/schema/array stream objects can be passed as arguments to Python functions that would otherwise accept an object implementing the Arrow PyCapsule protocol.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'python.builtin.object'
as_nanoarrow_schema(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'python.builtin.object'
as_nanoarrow_array(x, ..., schema = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'python.builtin.object'
as_nanoarrow_array_stream(x, ..., schema = NULL)

test_reticulate_with_nanoarrow()
```

## Arguments

x	An Python object to convert
...	Unused
schema	A requested schema, which may or may not be honoured depending on the capabilities of the producer

## Details

This implementation uses the [Arrow PyCapsule protocol](#) to interpret an arbitrary Python object as an Arrow array/schema/array stream and produces Python objects that implement this protocol. This is currently implemented using the nanoarrow Python package which provides similar primitives for facilitating interchange in Python.

## Value

- `as_nanoarrow_schema()` returns an object of class `nanoarrow_schema`
- `as_nanoarrow_array()` returns an object of class `nanoarrow_array`
- `as_nanoarrow_array_stream()` returns an object of class `nanoarrow_array_stream`.

## Examples

```
library(reticulate)

py_require("nanoarrow")

na <- import("nanoarrow", convert = FALSE)
python_arrayish_thing <- na$Array(1:3, na_int32())
as_nanoarrow_array(python_arrayish_thing)

r_to_py(as_nanoarrow_array(1:3))
```

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as\_nanoarrow\_vctr      *Experimental Arrow encoded arrays as R vectors*

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### Description

This experimental vctr class allows zero or more Arrow arrays to present as an R vector without converting them. This is useful for arrays with types that do not have a non-lossy R equivalent, and helps provide an intermediary object type where the default conversion is prohibitively expensive (e.g., a nested list of data frames). These objects will not survive many vctr transformations; however, they can be sliced without copying the underlying arrays.

### Usage

```
as_nanoarrow_vctr(x, ..., schema = NULL, subclass = character())
```

```
nanoarrow_vctr(schema = NULL, subclass = character())
```

### Arguments

x	An object that works with <a href="#">as_nanoarrow_array_stream()</a> .
...	Passed to <a href="#">as_nanoarrow_array_stream()</a>
schema	An optional schema
subclass	An optional subclass of nanoarrow_vctr to prepend to the final class name.

### Details

The nanoarrow\_vctr is currently implemented similarly to `factor()`: its storage type is an `integer()` that is a sequence along the total length of the vctr and there are attributes that are required to resolve these indices to an array + offset. Sequences typically have a very compact representation in recent versions of R such that this has a cheap storage footprint even for large arrays. The attributes are currently:

- `schema`: The [nanoarrow\\_schema](#) shared by each chunk.
- `chunks`: A `list()` of `nanoarrow_array`.
- `offsets`: An `integer()` vector beginning with 0 and followed by the cumulative length of each chunk. This allows the chunk index + offset to be resolved from a logical index with  $\log(n)$  complexity.

This implementation is preliminary and may change; however, the result of `as_nanoarrow_array_stream(some_vctr[begin])` should remain stable.

### Value

A vctr of class 'nanoarrow\_vctr'

**Examples**

```
array <- as_nanoarrow_array(1:5)
as_nanoarrow_vctr(array)
```

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basic\_array\_stream      *Create ArrayStreams from batches*

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**Description**

Create ArrayStreams from batches

**Usage**

```
basic_array_stream(batches, schema = NULL, validate = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

batches            A `list()` of `nanoarrow_array` objects or objects that can be coerced via `as_nanoarrow_array()`.  
 schema            A `nanoarrow_schema` or `NULL` to guess based on the first schema.  
 validate          Use `FALSE` to skip the validation step (i.e., if you know that the arrays are valid).

**Value**

An `nanoarrow_array_stream`

**Examples**

```
(stream <- basic_array_stream(list(data.frame(a = 1, b = 2)))
as.data.frame(stream$get_next())
stream$get_next())
```

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convert\_array            *Convert an Array into an R vector*

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**Description**

Converts array to the type specified by `to`. This is a low-level interface; most users should use `as.data.frame()` or `as.vector()` unless finer-grained control is needed over the conversion. This function is an S3 generic dispatching on `to`: developers may implement their own S3 methods for custom vector types.

**Usage**

```
convert_array(array, to = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

array	A <code>nanoarrow_array</code> .
to	A target prototype object describing the type to which array should be converted, or NULL to use the default conversion as returned by <code>infer_nanoarrow_ptype()</code> . Alternatively, a function can be passed to perform an alternative calculation of the default ptype as a function of array and the default inference of the prototype.
...	Passed to S3 methods

**Details**

Note that unregistered extension types will by default issue a warning. Use `options(nanoarrow.warn_unregistered_extensions = FALSE)` to disable this behaviour.

Conversions are implemented for the following R vector types:

- `logical()`: Any numeric type can be converted to `logical()` in addition to the bool type. For numeric types, any non-zero value is considered TRUE.
- `integer()`: Any numeric type can be converted to `integer()`; however, a warning will be signaled if the any value is outside the range of the 32-bit integer.
- `double()`: Any numeric type can be converted to `double()`. This conversion currently does not warn for values that may not roundtrip through a floating-point double (e.g., very large uint64 and int64 values).
- `character()`: String and large string types can be converted to `character()`. The conversion does not check for valid UTF-8: if you need finer-grained control over encodings, use `to = blob::blob()`.
- `factor()`: Dictionary-encoded arrays of strings can be converted to `factor()`; however, this must be specified explicitly (i.e., `convert_array(array, factor())`) because arrays arriving in chunks can have dictionaries that contain different levels. Use `convert_array(array, factor(levels = c(...)))` to materialize an array into a vector with known levels.
- `Date`: Only the date32 type can be converted to an R Date vector.
- `hms::hms()`: Time32 and time64 types can be converted to `hms::hms()`.
- `difftime()`: Time32, time64, and duration types can be converted to R `difftime()` vectors. The value is converted to match the `units()` attribute of `to`.
- `blob::blob()`: String, large string, binary, and large binary types can be converted to `blob::blob()`.
- `vctrs::list_of()`: List, large list, and fixed-size list types can be converted to `vctrs::list_of()`.
- `matrix()`: Fixed-size list types can be converted to `matrix(ptype, ncol = fixed_size)`.
- `data.frame()`: Struct types can be converted to `data.frame()`.
- `vctrs::unspecified()`: Any type can be converted to `vctrs::unspecified()`; however, a warning will be raised if any non-null values are encountered.

In addition to the above conversions, a null array may be converted to any target prototype except `data.frame()`. Extension arrays are currently converted as their storage type.

**Value**

An R vector of type `to`.

**Examples**

```
array <- as_nanoarrow_array(data.frame(x = 1:5))
str(convert_array(array))
str(convert_array(array, to = data.frame(x = double())))
```

---

convert\_array\_stream    *Convert an Array Stream into an R vector*

---

**Description**

Converts `array_stream` to the type specified by `to`. This is a low-level interface; most users should use `as.data.frame()` or `as.vector()` unless finer-grained control is needed over the conversion. See `convert_array()` for details of the conversion process; see `infer_nanoarrow_ptype()` for default inferences of `to`.

**Usage**

```
convert_array_stream(array_stream, to = NULL, size = NULL, n = Inf)

collect_array_stream(array_stream, n = Inf, schema = NULL, validate = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>array_stream</code>	A <a href="#">nanoarrow_array_stream</a> .
<code>to</code>	A target prototype object describing the type to which <code>array</code> should be converted, or <code>NULL</code> to use the default conversion as returned by <code>infer_nanoarrow_ptype()</code> . Alternatively, a function can be passed to perform an alternative calculation of the default ptype as a function of <code>array</code> and the default inference of the prototype.
<code>size</code>	The exact size of the output, if known. If specified, slightly more efficient implementation may be used to collect the output.
<code>n</code>	The maximum number of batches to pull from the array stream.
<code>schema</code>	A <a href="#">nanoarrow_schema</a> or <code>NULL</code> to guess based on the first schema.
<code>validate</code>	Use <code>FALSE</code> to skip the validation step (i.e., if you know that the arrays are valid).

**Value**

- `convert_array_stream()`: An R vector of type `to`.
- `collect_array_stream()`: A `list()` of [nanoarrow\\_array](#)

**Examples**

```
stream <- as_nanoarrow_array_stream(data.frame(x = 1:5))
str(convert_array_stream(stream))
str(convert_array_stream(stream, to = data.frame(x = double()))))

stream <- as_nanoarrow_array_stream(data.frame(x = 1:5))
collect_array_stream(stream)
```

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example\_ipc\_stream      *Example Arrow IPC Data*

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**Description**

An example stream that can be used for testing or examples.

**Usage**

```
example_ipc_stream(compression = c("none", "zstd"))
```

**Arguments**

compression      One of "none" or "zstd"

**Value**

A raw vector that can be passed to [read\\_nanoarrow\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
as.data.frame(read_nanoarrow(example_ipc_stream()))
```

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infer\_nanoarrow\_ptype      *Infer an R vector prototype*

---

**Description**

Resolves the default to value to use in [convert\\_array\(\)](#) and [convert\\_array\\_stream\(\)](#). The default conversions are:

**Usage**

```
infer_nanoarrow_ptype(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A [nanoarrow\\_schema](#), [nanoarrow\\_array](#), or [nanoarrow\\_array\\_stream](#).

**Details**

- null to `vctrs::unspecified()`
- boolean to `logical()`
- int8, uint8, int16, uint16, and int32 to `integer()`
- uint32, int64, uint64, float, and double to `double()`
- string and large string to `character()`
- struct to `data.frame()`
- binary and large binary to `blob::blob()`
- list, large\_list, and fixed\_size\_list to `vctrs::list_of()`
- time32 and time64 to `hms::hms()`
- duration to `difftime()`
- date32 to `as.Date()`
- timestamp to `as.POSIXct()`

Additional conversions are possible by specifying an explicit value for `to`. For details of each conversion, see `convert_array()`.

**Value**

An R vector of zero size describing the target into which the array should be materialized.

**Examples**

```
infer_nanoarrow_ptype(as_nanoarrow_array(1:10))
```

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```
infer_nanoarrow_ptype_extension
  Implement Arrow extension types
```

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**Description**

Implement Arrow extension types

**Usage**

```
infer_nanoarrow_ptype_extension(
  extension_spec,
  x,
  ...,
  warn_unregistered = TRUE
)

convert_array_extension(
```

```

    extension_spec,
    array,
    to,
    ...,
    warn_unregistered = TRUE
)

```

```
as_nanoarrow_array_extension(extension_spec, x, ..., schema = NULL)
```

### Arguments

`extension_spec` An extension specification inheriting from 'nanoarrow\_extension\_spec'.

`x, array, to, schema, ...`

Passed from [infer\\_nanoarrow\\_ptype\(\)](#), [convert\\_array\(\)](#), [as\\_nanoarrow\\_array\(\)](#), and/or [as\\_nanoarrow\\_array\\_stream\(\)](#).

`warn_unregistered`

Use FALSE to infer/convert based on the storage type without a warning.

### Value

- `infer_nanoarrow_ptype_extension()`: The R vector prototype to be used as the default conversion target.
- `convert_array_extension()`: An R vector of type `to`.
- `as_nanoarrow_array_extension()`: A [nanoarrow\\_array](#) of type `schema`.

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na\_type

*Create type objects*

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### Description

In nanoarrow, types, fields, and schemas are all represented by a [nanoarrow\\_schema](#). These functions are convenience constructors to create these objects in a readable way. Use [na\\_type\(\)](#) to construct types based on the constructor name, which is also the name that prints/is returned by [nanoarrow\\_schema\\_parse\(\)](#).

### Usage

```

na_type(
  type_name,
  byte_width = NULL,
  unit = NULL,
  timezone = NULL,
  precision = NULL,
  scale = NULL,
  column_types = NULL,
  item_type = NULL,
)

```

```
    key_type = NULL,  
    value_type = NULL,  
    index_type = NULL,  
    ordered = NULL,  
    list_size = NULL,  
    keys_sorted = NULL,  
    storage_type = NULL,  
    extension_name = NULL,  
    extension_metadata = NULL,  
    nullable = NULL  
)  
  
na_na(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_bool(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_int8(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_uint8(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_int16(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_uint16(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_int32(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_uint32(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_int64(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_uint64(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_half_float(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_float(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_double(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_string(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_large_string(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_string_view(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_binary(nullable = TRUE)  
  
na_large_binary(nullable = TRUE)
```

```
na_fixed_size_binary(byte_width, nullable = TRUE)
na_binary_view(nullable = TRUE)
na_date32(nullable = TRUE)
na_date64(nullable = TRUE)
na_time32(unit = c("ms", "s"), nullable = TRUE)
na_time64(unit = c("us", "ns"), nullable = TRUE)
na_duration(unit = c("ms", "s", "us", "ns"), nullable = TRUE)
na_interval_months(nullable = TRUE)
na_interval_day_time(nullable = TRUE)
na_interval_month_day_nano(nullable = TRUE)
na_timestamp(unit = c("us", "ns", "s", "ms"), timezone = "", nullable = TRUE)
na_decimal32(precision, scale, nullable = TRUE)
na_decimal64(precision, scale, nullable = TRUE)
na_decimal128(precision, scale, nullable = TRUE)
na_decimal256(precision, scale, nullable = TRUE)
na_struct(column_types = list(), nullable = FALSE)
na_sparse_union(column_types = list())
na_dense_union(column_types = list())
na_list(item_type, nullable = TRUE)
na_large_list(item_type, nullable = TRUE)
na_list_view(item_type, nullable = TRUE)
na_large_list_view(item_type, nullable = TRUE)
na_fixed_size_list(item_type, list_size, nullable = TRUE)
na_map(key_type, item_type, keys_sorted = FALSE, nullable = TRUE)
```

```
na_dictionary(value_type, index_type = na_int32(), ordered = FALSE)
```

```
na_extension(storage_type, extension_name, extension_metadata = "")
```

### Arguments

type_name	The name of the type (e.g., "int32"). This form of the constructor is useful for writing tests that loop over many types.
byte_width	For <a href="#">na_fixed_size_binary()</a> , the number of bytes occupied by each item.
unit	One of 's' (seconds), 'ms' (milliseconds), 'us' (microseconds), or 'ns' (nanoseconds).
timezone	A string representing a timezone name. The empty string "" represents a naive point in time (i.e., one that has no associated timezone).
precision	The total number of digits representable by the decimal type
scale	The number of digits after the decimal point in a decimal type
column_types	A <a href="#">list()</a> of <a href="#">nanoarrow_schemas</a> .
item_type	For <a href="#">na_list()</a> , <a href="#">na_large_list()</a> , <a href="#">na_fixed_size_list()</a> , and <a href="#">na_map()</a> , the <a href="#">nanoarrow_schema</a> representing the item type.
key_type	The <a href="#">nanoarrow_schema</a> representing the <a href="#">na_map()</a> key type.
value_type	The <a href="#">nanoarrow_schema</a> representing the <a href="#">na_dictionary()</a> or <a href="#">na_map()</a> value type.
index_type	The <a href="#">nanoarrow_schema</a> representing the <a href="#">na_dictionary()</a> index type.
ordered	Use TRUE to assert that the order of values in the dictionary are meaningful.
list_size	The number of elements in each item in a <a href="#">na_fixed_size_list()</a> .
keys_sorted	Use TRUE to assert that keys are sorted.
storage_type	For <a href="#">na_extension()</a> , the underlying value type.
extension_name	For <a href="#">na_extension()</a> , the extension name. This is typically namespaced separated by dots (e.g., nanoarrow.r.vctrs).
extension_metadata	A string or raw vector defining extension metadata. Most Arrow extension types define extension metadata as a JSON object.
nullable	Use FALSE to assert that this field cannot contain null values.

### Value

A [nanoarrow\\_schema](#)

### Examples

```
na_int32()
na_struct(list(col1 = na_int32()))
```

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na_vctr	<i>Vctr</i> extension type
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### Description

The Arrow format provides a rich type system that can handle most R vector types; however, many R vector types do not roundtrip perfectly through Arrow memory. The `vctr` extension type uses `vctr::vec_data()`, `vctr::vec_restore()`, and `vctr::vec_ptype()` in calls to `as_nanoarrow_array()` and `convert_array()` to ensure roundtrip fidelity.

### Usage

```
na_vctr(ptype, storage_type = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>ptype</code>	A <code>vctr</code> prototype as returned by <code>vctr::vec_ptype()</code> . The prototype can be of arbitrary size, but a zero-size vector is sufficient here.
<code>storage_type</code>	For <code>na_extension()</code> , the underlying value type.

### Value

A `nanoarrow_schema`.

### Examples

```
vctr <- as.POSIXlt("2000-01-02 03:45", tz = "UTC")
array <- as_nanoarrow_array(vctr, schema = na_vctr(vctr))
infer_nanoarrow_ptype(array)
convert_array(array)
```

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nanoarrow_array_init	<i>Modify nanoarrow arrays</i>
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### Description

Create a new array or from an existing array, modify one or more parameters. When importing an array from elsewhere, `nanoarrow_array_set_schema()` is useful to attach the data type information to the array (without this information there is little that nanoarrow can do with the array since its content cannot be otherwise interpreted). `nanoarrow_array_modify()` can create a shallow copy and modify various parameters to create a new array, including setting children and buffers recursively. These functions power the `$<-` operator, which can modify one parameter at a time.

**Usage**

```
nanarrow_array_init(schema)

nanarrow_array_set_schema(array, schema, validate = TRUE)

nanarrow_array_modify(array, new_values, validate = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

schema	A <a href="#">nanarrow_schema</a> to attach to this array.
array	A <a href="#">nanarrow_array</a> .
validate	Use FALSE to skip validation. Skipping validation may result in creating an array that will crash R.
new_values	A named <code>list()</code> of values to replace.

**Value**

- `nanarrow_array_init()` returns a possibly invalid but initialized array with a given schema.
- `nanarrow_array_set_schema()` returns array, invisibly. Note that array is modified in place by reference.
- `nanarrow_array_modify()` returns a shallow copy of array with the modified parameters such that the original array remains valid.

**Examples**

```
nanarrow_array_init(na_string())

# Modify an array using $ and <-
array <- as_nanarrow_array(1:5)
array$length <- 4
as.vector(array)

# Modify potentially more than one component at a time
array <- as_nanarrow_array(1:5)
as.vector(nanarrow_array_modify(array, list(length = 4)))

# Attach a schema to an array
array <- as_nanarrow_array(-1L)
nanarrow_array_set_schema(array, na_uint32())
as.vector(array)
```

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nanoarrow\_buffer\_init *Create and modify nanoarrow buffers*

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## Description

Create and modify nanoarrow buffers

## Usage

```
nanoarrow_buffer_init()
nanoarrow_buffer_append(buffer, new_buffer)
convert_buffer(buffer, to = NULL)
```

## Arguments

buffer, new\_buffer  
[nanoarrow\\_buffers](#).

to  
A target prototype object describing the type to which array should be converted, or NULL to use the default conversion as returned by [infer\\_nanoarrow\\_ptype\(\)](#). Alternatively, a function can be passed to perform an alternative calculation of the default ptype as a function of array and the default inference of the prototype.

## Value

- `nanoarrow_buffer_init()`: An object of class `'nanoarrow_buffer'`
- `nanoarrow_buffer_append()`: Returns `buffer`, invisibly. Note that `buffer` is modified in place by reference.

## Examples

```
buffer <- nanoarrow_buffer_init()
nanoarrow_buffer_append(buffer, 1:5)

array <- nanoarrow_array_modify(
  nanoarrow_array_init(na_int32()),
  list(length = 5, buffers = list(NULL, buffer))
)
as.vector(array)
```

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`nanoarrow_extension_array`*Create Arrow extension arrays*

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**Description**

Create Arrow extension arrays

**Usage**

```
nanoarrow_extension_array(  
  storage_array,  
  extension_name,  
  extension_metadata = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

`storage_array` A [nanoarrow\\_array](#).

`extension_name` For [na\\_extension\(\)](#), the extension name. This is typically namespaced separated by dots (e.g., `nanoarrow.r.vctrs`).

`extension_metadata`

A string or raw vector defining extension metadata. Most Arrow extension types define extension metadata as a JSON object.

**Value**

A [nanoarrow\\_array](#) with attached extension schema.

**Examples**

```
nanoarrow_extension_array(1:10, "some_ext", '{"key": "value"}')
```

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`nanoarrow_extension_spec`*Register Arrow extension types*

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**Description**

Register Arrow extension types

**Usage**

```
nanoarrow_extension_spec(data = list(), subclass = character())
register_nanoarrow_extension(extension_name, extension_spec)
unregister_nanoarrow_extension(extension_name)
resolve_nanoarrow_extension(extension_name)
```

**Arguments**

data	Optional data to include in the extension type specification
subclass	A subclass for the extension type specification. Extension methods will dispatch on this object.
extension_name	An Arrow extension type name (e.g., nanoarrow.r.vctrs)
extension_spec	An extension specification inheriting from 'nanoarrow_extension_spec'.

**Value**

- nanoarrow\_extension\_spec() returns an object of class 'nanoarrow\_extension\_spec'.
- register\_nanoarrow\_extension() returns extension\_spec, invisibly.
- unregister\_nanoarrow\_extension() returns extension\_name, invisibly.
- resolve\_nanoarrow\_extension() returns an object of class 'nanoarrow\_extension\_spec' or NULL if the extension type was not registered.

**Examples**

```
nanoarrow_extension_spec("mynamespace.mytype", subclass = "mypackage_mytype_spec")
```

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nanoarrow\_pointer\_is\_valid

*Danger zone: low-level pointer operations*

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**Description**

The [nanoarrow\\_schema](#), [nanoarrow\\_array](#), and [nanoarrow\\_array\\_stream](#) classes are represented in R as external pointers (EXTPTRSXP). When these objects go out of scope (i.e., when they are garbage collected or shortly thereafter), the underlying object's `release()` callback is called if the underlying pointer is non-null and if the `release()` callback is non-null.

## Usage

```
nanarrow_pointer_is_valid(ptr)

nanarrow_pointer_addr_dbl(ptr)

nanarrow_pointer_addr_chr(ptr)

nanarrow_pointer_addr_pretty(ptr)

nanarrow_pointer_release(ptr)

nanarrow_pointer_move(ptr_src, ptr_dst)

nanarrow_pointer_export(ptr_src, ptr_dst)

nanarrow_allocate_schema()

nanarrow_allocate_array()

nanarrow_allocate_array_stream()

nanarrow_pointer_set_protected(ptr_src, protected)
```

## Arguments

<code>ptr, ptr_src, ptr_dst</code>	An external pointer to a struct ArrowSchema, struct ArrowArray, or struct ArrowArrayStream.
<code>protected</code>	An object whose scope must outlive that of <code>ptr</code> . This is useful for array streams since at least two specifications involving the array stream specify that the stream is only valid for the lifecycle of another object (e.g., an <code>AdbcStatement</code> or <code>OGR-Dataset</code> ).

## Details

When interacting with other C Data Interface implementations, it is important to keep in mind that the R object wrapping these pointers is always passed by reference (because it is an external pointer) and may be referred to by another R object (e.g., an element in a `list()` or as a variable assigned in a user's environment). When importing a schema, array, or array stream into nanarrow this is not a problem: the R object takes ownership of the lifecycle and memory is released when the R object is garbage collected. In this case, one can use `nanarrow_pointer_move()` where `ptr_dst` was created using `nanarrow_allocate_*`.

The case of exporting is more complicated and as such has a dedicated function, `nanarrow_pointer_export()`, that implements different logic schemas, arrays, and array streams:

- Schema objects are (deep) copied such that a fresh copy of the schema is exported and made the responsibility of some other C data interface implementation.

- Array objects are exported as a shell around the original array that preserves a reference to the R object. This ensures that the buffers and children pointed to by the array are not copied and that any references to the original array are not invalidated.
- Array stream objects are moved: the responsibility for the object is transferred to the other C data interface implementation and any references to the original R object are invalidated. Because these objects are mutable, this is typically what you want (i.e., you should not be pulling arrays from a stream accidentally from two places).

If you know the lifecycle of your object (i.e., you created the R object yourself and never passed references to it elsewhere), you can slightly more efficiently call `nanoarrow_pointer_move()` for all three pointer types.

### Value

- `nanoarrow_pointer_is_valid()` returns TRUE if the pointer is non-null and has a non-null release callback.
- `nanoarrow_pointer_addr_dbl()` and `nanoarrow_pointer_addr_chr()` return pointer representations that may be helpful to facilitate moving or exporting nanoarrow objects to other libraries.
- `nanoarrow_pointer_addr_pretty()` gives a pointer representation suitable for printing or error messages.
- `nanoarrow_pointer_release()` returns ptr, invisibly.
- `nanoarrow_pointer_move()` and `nanoarrow_pointer_export()` return ptr\_dst, invisibly.
- `nanoarrow_allocate_array()`, `nanoarrow_allocate_schema()`, and `nanoarrow_allocate_array_stream()` return an [array](#), a [schema](#), and an [array stream](#), respectively.

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nanoarrow_version	<i>Underlying 'nanoarrow' C library build</i>
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### Description

Underlying 'nanoarrow' C library build

### Usage

```
nanoarrow_version(runtime = TRUE)
```

```
nanoarrow_with_zstd()
```

### Arguments

runtime            Compare TRUE and FALSE values to detect a possible ABI mismatch.

### Value

A string identifying the version of nanoarrow this package was compiled against.

**Examples**

```
nanoarrow_version()
nanoarrow_with_zstd()
```

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read_nanoarrow	<i>Read/write serialized streams of Arrow data</i>
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**Description**

Reads/writes connections, file paths, URLs, or raw vectors from/to serialized Arrow data. Arrow documentation typically refers to this format as "Arrow IPC", since its origin was as a means to transmit tables between processes (e.g., multiple R sessions). This format can also be written to and read from files or URLs and is essentially a high performance equivalent of a CSV file that does a better job maintaining types.

**Usage**

```
read_nanoarrow(x, ..., lazy = FALSE)

write_nanoarrow(data, x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A <code>raw()</code> vector, connection, or file path from which to read binary data. Common extensions indicating compression ( <code>.gz</code> , <code>.bz2</code> , <code>.zip</code> ) are automatically uncompressed.
...	Currently unused.
lazy	By default, <code>read_nanoarrow()</code> will read and discard a copy of the reader's schema to ensure that invalid streams are discovered as soon as possible. Use <code>lazy = TRUE</code> to defer this check until the reader is actually consumed.
data	An object to write as an Arrow IPC stream, converted using <code>as_nanoarrow_array_stream()</code> . Notably, this includes a <code>data.frame()</code> .

**Details**

The nanoarrow package implements an IPC writer; however, you can also use `arrow::write_ipc_stream()` to write data from R, or use the equivalent writer from another Arrow implementation in Python, C++, Rust, JavaScript, Julia, C#, and beyond.

The media type of an Arrow stream is `application/vnd.apache.arrow.stream` and the recommended file extension is `.arrows`.

**Value**

A `nanoarrow_array_stream`

**Examples**

```
as.data.frame(read_nanoarrow(example_ipc_stream()))
```

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