

# Package ‘eds’

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**Title** eds: Low-level reader for Alevin EDS format

**Version** 1.15.0

**Description** This packages provides a single function, readEDS.

This is a low-level utility for reading in Alevin EDS format into R.

This function is not designed for end-users but instead the package is predominantly for simplifying package dependency graph for other Bioconductor packages.

**Depends** Matrix

**Imports** Rcpp

**Suggests** knitr, tximportData, testthat (>= 3.0.0)

**LinkingTo** Rcpp

**SystemRequirements** C++11

**License** GPL-2

**Encoding** UTF-8

**URL** <https://github.com/mikelove/eds>

**biocViews** Sequencing, RNASeq, GeneExpression, SingleCell

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**LazyData** true

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**Description**

This provides a simple utility for reading in EDS format. Note that most users will prefer to use `tximport` or `tximeta`. This function and package exist in order to simplify the dependency graph for other packages.

**Usage**

```
readEDS(numOfGenes, numOfOriginalCells, countMatFilename, tierImport = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>numOfGenes</code>	number of genes
<code>numOfOriginalCells</code>	number of cells
<code>countMatFilename</code>	pointer to the EDS file, <code>quants_mat.gz</code>
<code>tierImport</code>	whether the <code>countMatFilename</code> refers to a quants tier file

**Value**

a genes x cells sparse matrix, of the class `dgMatrix`

**Examples**

```
# point to files
dir0 <- system.file("extdata", package="tximportData")
samps <- list.files(file.path(dir0, "alevin"))
dir <- file.path(dir0, "alevin", samps[3], "alevin")
quant.mat.file <- file.path(dir, "quants_mat.gz")
barcode.file <- file.path(dir, "quants_mat_rows.txt")
gene.file <- file.path(dir, "quants_mat_cols.txt")

# readEDS() requires knowing the number of cells and genes
cell.names <- readLines(barcode.file)
gene.names <- readLines(gene.file)
num.cells <- length(cell.names)
num.genes <- length(gene.names)

# reading in the sparse matrix
mat <- readEDS(numOfGenes=num.genes,
              numOfOriginalCells=num.cells,
              countMatFilename=quant.mat.file)
```

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