

# Package ‘ROI.format.cbf’

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**Description** Provides read and write support for the Conic Benchmark Format (CBF, version 4) within the R Optimization Infrastructure ('ROI'). Supported cone types include the positive orthant, second-order (SOC), rotated second-order (bridged automatically to standard SOC), exponential (primal and dual), power (primal and dual), and semidefinite (symmetric-vectorised) cones, as well as their mixed-integer variants. The reader translates a .cbf file into an ROI 'OP' object, handling coordinate-convention differences between CBF and ROI transparently; the writer serialises an ROI 'OP' object back to CBF plain-text.

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**URL** <https://gitlab.com/roigrp/tools/roi.format.cbf>

**BugReports** <https://gitlab.com/roigrp/tools/roi.format.cbf/-/issues>

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cblib_download	<i>Download a Single CBLIB Instance</i>
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### Description

Downloads one Conic Benchmark Library (CBLIB) instance from <https://cblib.zib.de/download/all/>. By default the downloaded .cbf.gz archive is decompressed to a plain .cbf file so it can be passed directly to [read\\_cbf](#).

### Usage

```
cblib_download(
  instance,
  folder,
  url = .CBLIB_DOWNLOAD_ALL_URL,
  method = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  decompress = TRUE,
  keep_archive = !decompress
)
```

### Arguments

instance	Character string. Instance name, with or without the .cbf.gz suffix.
folder	Character string. Destination directory. No default is provided; pass tempdir() for a temporary location.
url	Character string. Base URL of the CBLIB download directory.
method	Character string passed to <a href="#">download.file</a> .
quiet	Logical. Passed to <a href="#">download.file</a> .
force	Logical. If TRUE, download again even if the target file already exists.
decompress	Logical. If TRUE (default), decompress the archive to .cbf after download.
keep_archive	Logical. If TRUE, keep the downloaded .cbf.gz archive after decompression.

### Details

The CBLIB download README documents recursive retrieval from <https://cblib.zib.de/download/all/> using wget. These helpers provide the same access pattern directly from R for either a single instance or the full directory listing.

**Value**

Character string giving the path to the downloaded file. Returns the decompressed .cbf path when decompress = TRUE, otherwise the .cbf.gz archive path.

**See Also**

[cblib\\_download\\_all](#), [read\\_cbf](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
path <- cblib_download("CBLIB_ex1.cbf", folder = tempdir())
op <- read_cbf(path)

## End(Not run)
```

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cblib\_download\_all      *Download All CBLIB Instances*

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**Description**

Downloads every .cbf.gz instance linked from <https://cblib.zib.de/download/all/>. By default each archive is decompressed to a plain .cbf file.

**Usage**

```
cblib_download_all(
  folder,
  url = .CBLIB_DOWNLOAD_ALL_URL,
  method = NULL,
  quiet = TRUE,
  force = FALSE,
  decompress = TRUE,
  keep_archive = !decompress
)
```

**Arguments**

folder	Character string. Destination directory. No default is provided; pass tempdir() for a temporary location.
url	Character string. Base URL of the CBLIB download directory.
method	Character string passed to <a href="#">download.file</a> .
quiet	Logical. Passed to <a href="#">download.file</a> .
force	Logical. If TRUE, download again even if the target file already exists.
decompress	Logical. If TRUE (default), decompress the archive to .cbf after download.
keep_archive	Logical. If TRUE, keep the downloaded .cbf.gz archive after decompression.

**Details**

According to the CBLIB download README, the complete collection is intended to be fetched recursively from the /download/all/ directory. This helper first reads that index page, extracts all linked .cbf.gz archives, and then downloads them one by one.

**Value**

Named character vector of downloaded file paths. Names are the CBLIB archive file names listed in the index.

**See Also**

[cblib\\_download](#), [read\\_cbf](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
paths <- cblib_download_all(folder = tempdir())

## End(Not run)
```

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read\_cbf

*Read a CBF File into an ROI OP Object*


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**Description**

Parses a file in the Conic Benchmark Format (CBF version 4) and returns an [OP](#) object representing the encoded optimisation problem.

**Usage**

```
read_cbf(file, ...)
```

**Arguments**

file	Character string. Path to the .cbf (or .CBF) file.
...	Currently unused; present for API compatibility with <a href="#">ROI_plugin_register_reader</a> .

**Details**

Supported features

- Scalar variables (VAR) with all non-parametric cone types: F., L+., L-., L=.
- Scalar constraints (CON) with non-parametric cones: F., L+., L-., L=., Q., QR., EXP., EXP\*., SVECPSD., GMEANABS., GMEAN., and their duals.
- Parametric power cones (@k:POW, @k:POW\*) via the POWCONES / POW\*CONES lookup tables.

- Integer variables (INT section).
- Linear and constant-term objective coefficients (OBJACOORD, OBJBCOORD).
- PSD matrix variables (PSDVAR): each  $X_j \in S_+^{m_j \times m_j}$  is replaced by its symmetric vectorisation  $\text{svec}(X_j)$  of length  $m_j(m_j + 1)/2$ , appended as new scalar variables with a  $K_{\text{psd}}(m_j)$  cone constraint. Objective terms (OBJFCOORD) and scalar-constraint terms (FCOORD) involving  $X_j$  are translated via the trace inner-product identity  $\langle F, X_j \rangle = \text{svec}(F)^\top \text{svec}(X_j)$ .
- PSD matrix constraints (PSDCON / HCOORD / DCOORD): each LMI  $G_p = \sum_j x_j H_{pj} + D_p \in \text{PSD}^{m_p}$  is svec-ed into a  $K_{\text{psd}}(m_p)$  conic constraint on the scalar variables.

Features that generate a warning() and are skipped:

- Hotstart sequences (CHANGE keyword is treated as end-of-file).

## Value

An [OP](#) object.

## See Also

[write\\_cbf](#)

## Examples

```
## round-trip: write a simple LP to a temp file then read it back
op <- ROI::OP(
  objective = ROI::L_objective(c(1, 1)),
  constraints = ROI::L_constraint(
    L = matrix(c(1, 1), nrow = 1),
    dir = ">=",
    rhs = 1
  )
)
f <- file.path(tempdir(), "lp.cbf")
write_cbf(op, f)
op2 <- read_cbf(f)
```

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write\_cbf

*Write an ROI OP Object to a CBF File*

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## Description

Serialises an ROI optimisation problem ([OP](#)) to a plain text file in the Conic Benchmark Format (CBF version 4).

## Usage

```
write_cbf(op, file, ...)
```

**Arguments**

op	An <i>OP</i> object.
file	Character string. Destination file path (created or overwritten).
...	Currently unused.

**Details**

Supported *OP* components

**Objective** Linear objectives ([L\\_objective](#)).

**Constraints** [L\\_constraint](#) is mapped to L+ (" $\geq$ "), L- (" $\leq$ "), or L= (" $=$ ") cone chunks.

[C\\_constraint](#) is mapped to the appropriate CBF cone: Q., QR., EXP., EXP\*., SVECPSD., @k:POW, or @k:POW\*.

**Variable types** Continuous ("C") and integer ("I"); integer variables are written to the INT section.

**Variable bounds** Translated to F., L+, L-, or L= chunks in the VAR section.

**Value**

Invisibly returns file.

**Sign convention**

CBF encodes  $Ax + b \in K$ . ROI stores  $Ax - \text{rhs} \in K$ . Therefore `write_cbf` writes  $b = -\text{rhs}$  to the BCOORD section.

**See Also**

[read\\_cbf](#)

**Examples**

```
## simple LP: min x + y s.t. x + y >= 1, x, y >= 0
op <- ROI::OP(
  objective = ROI::L_objective(c(1, 1)),
  constraints = ROI::L_constraint(
    L = matrix(c(1, 1), nrow = 1),
    dir = ">=",
    rhs = 1
  )
)
f <- file.path(tempdir(), "lp.cbf")
write_cbf(op, f)
```

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