

# Package ‘pbdSLAP’

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**Title** Programming with Big Data -- Scalable Linear Algebra Packages

**Depends** R (>= 3.6.0), methods, pbdMPI (>= 0.3-1)

**LazyLoad** yes

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**Description** Utilizing scalable linear algebra packages mainly including 'BLACS', 'PBLAS', and 'ScaLAPACK' in double precision via 'pbdMPI' based on 'ScaLAPACK' version 2.0.2.

**SystemRequirements** 'OpenMPI' (>= 1.5.4) on Solaris, Linux, Mac, and FreeBSD. 'MS-MPI' (Microsoft HPC Pack 2012 R2 MS-MPI Redistributable Package) on Windows.

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**URL** <https://pbd.org/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/snoweye/pbdSLAP/issues>

**NeedsCompilation** yes

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## Description

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## Details

This package requires **pbdMPI** and MPI system. The main purpose of **pbdSLAP** is to provide several scalable linear algebra packages containing double precision libraries for **pbdDMAC** or other useful packages.

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## References

Programming with Big Data in R Website: <https://pbdr.org/>

ScaLAPACK Website: <https://netlib.org/scalapack/>

ScaLAPACK Block Cyclic Data Distribution Website: <https://icl.utk.edu/lapack-forum/viewtopic.php%3ff=5&t=4922.html>

## Examples

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## Not run:
### Under command mode, run the demo with 2 processors by
### (Use Rscript.exe for windows system)

mpiexec -np 2 Rscript -e "demo(gridinfo,'pbdSLAP',ask=F,echo=F)"

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

These functions initialize a grid of pbdSLAP, assign the information to a global object, and free the grid.

## Usage

```
slap.init.grid(nprow, npcol = 1, ictxt = 0)
slap.exit.grid(ictxt)
slap.finalize(quit.mpi = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>nprow</code>	number of row processors.
<code>npcol</code>	number of column processors.
<code>ictxt</code>	the grid id
<code>quit.mpi</code>	if finalize MPI.

## Details

This function arranges all processors in a (`nprow * npcol`) grid and the grid will map the big data matrix.

## Value

`slap.init.grid` assigns a global object `__grid_info_0` for `ictxt = 0` containing the grid information. `slap.exit.grid` free the grid. `slap.finalize` free all memory.

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