

Package ‘miaDash’

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microbiome data

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microbiome data. This way, no knowledge of programming is required to
perform analyses. Datasets can be imported, manipulated, analysed and
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constants	<i>Constants</i>
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Description

Constant values used throughout the miaDash app.

Usage

- .miaDashDefaultPanels
- .miaDashOtherPanels
- .transformMethods
- .alphaMetrics
- .betaMetrics
- .betaMethods

Format

- An object of class character of length 7.
- An object of class character of length 9.
- An object of class character of length 19.
- An object of class character of length 23.
- An object of class character of length 4.
- An object of class character of length 4.

Panel layout

`.miaDashDefaultPanels` List of panel names in the default layout of miaDash.
`.miaDashOtherPanels` List of panel names not in the default layout of miaDash.
`.transformMethods` List of transformations applicable to assays.
`.alphaMetrics` List of alpha diversity metrics.
`.betaMetrics` List of beta diversity metrics.
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create_observers	<i>Observers</i>
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Description

`.create_observers` and `.create_launch_observers` define the server to import and build TreeSE objects and track the state of the Build and Launch buttons.

Usage

```
.create_import_observers(input, rObjects)

.create_manipulate_observers(input, rObjects)

.create_estimate_observers(input, rObjects)

.update_observers(input, session, rObjects)

.create_launch_observers(FUN, input, session, rObjects)
```

Arguments

<code>input</code>	The Shiny input object from the server function.
<code>rObjects</code>	A reactive list of values generated in the landing page.

Value

Observers are created in the server function in which this is called. A NULL value is invisibly returned.

landing_page	<i>Landing page</i>
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Description

.landing_page creates the landing page of miaDash, where TreeSE objects can be built and iSEE can be launched.

Usage

```
.landing_page(FUN, input, output, session)
```

Value

The UI is defined by the function. A NULL value is invisibly returned.

miaDash	<i>miaDash</i>
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Description

miaDash is a web app that provides an interface to build and explore [TreeSummarizedExperiment](#) (TreeSE) objects by means of [iSEE](#).

Usage

```
miaDash()
```

Value

An [iSEE](#) app with a custom landing page to build TreeSE objects and explore [mia datasets](#).

See Also

[iSEE mia miaViz](#)

Examples

```
app <- miaDash()

if (interactive()) {
  shiny::runApp(app)
}
```

render_output	<i>Outputs</i>
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Description

.render_overview and .render_download create the output of the UI, which consists of the overview of the TreeSE object and the download object, respectively.

Usage

```
.render_overview(output, rObjects)
```

```
.render_download(output, rObjects)
```

Arguments

output The Shiny output object from the server function.

Value

Adds a rendered item to output. A NULL value is invisibly returned.

utils	<i>miaDash utilities</i>
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Description

Helper functions to support the app functionality.

Usage

```
.import_datasets(selection)
```

```
.update_tse(tse, fun, fun.args)
```

```
.print_message(..., title = "Invalid input:")
```

```
.set_optarg(item, loader = NULL, alternative = NULL, ...)
```

```
.check_formula(form, tse)
```

Arguments

selection	Numeric vector. A list of indices for the mia datasets to return.
tse	a TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
fun	Function scalar. Function to apply to tse.
fun.args	Named list. A list of arguments to pass to fun.
...	Either a series of strings to form the message returned by .print_message or named arguments for loader.
title	Character scalar. The title of the error message to print. (Default: "Invalid input:")
item	Character scalar. The file path from which the object should be loaded.
loader	Function scalar. The function to load item. (Default: NULL)
alternative	an alternative output to return when at least one item and loader are not defined. (Default: NULL)
form	Character scalar The formula to be checked.

Value

- .import_datasets: returns the list of available mia datasets.
- .update_tse: returns a TreeSE object after applying fun with arguments fun.args. Eventual messages and errors are also printed.
- .print_message: returns a modalDialog with the error message specified with ... and titled title.
- .set_optarg: returns an optional element for a TreeSE constructor. The output is either an object located at the file path item and loaded with loader or alternative.
- .check_formula: returns TRUE or FALSE depending whether or not all variables included in form are present in se colData.

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