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`Aggregate` *A Simple Aggregation Mechanism.*

Description

Given an environment and an aggregator (an object of class `aggregate` simple aggregations are made.

Usage

```
Aggregate(x, agg)
```

Arguments

`x`	The data to be aggregated.
`agg`	The aggregator to be used.

Details

Given some data, `x` the user can accumulate (or aggregate) information in `env` using the two supplied functions. See the accompanying documentation for a more complete example of this function and its use.

Value

No value is returned. This function is evaluated purely for side effects. The symbols and values in `env` are altered.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`new.env`, `class:aggregator`

Examples

```
    agg1 <- new("aggregator")
    Aggregate(letters[1:10], agg1)
    # the first 10 letters should be symbols in env1 with values of 1
    Aggregate(letters[5:11], agg1)
    # now letters[5:10] should have value 2
    bb <- mget(letters[1:11], env=aggenv(agg1), ifnotfound=NA)
    t1 <- as.numeric(bb); names(t1) <- names(bb)
    t1
  # a b c d e f g h i j k
  # 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 1
```

`Biobase-package` *Biobase Package Overview*

Description

Biobase Package Overview

Details

Important data classes: `ExpressionSet`, `AnnotatedDataFrame` `MIAME`. Full help on methods and associated functions is available from within class help pages.

Additional data classes: `eSet`, `MIAxE`, `MultiSet`. Additional manipulation and data structuring classes: `Versioned`, `VersionedBiobase`, `aggregator`, `container`.

Vignette routines: `openVignette`, `getPkgVigs`, `openPDF`.

Package manipulation functions: `createPackage` and `package.version`

Data sets: `aaMap`, `sample.ExpressionSet`, `geneData`.

Introductory information is available from vignettes, type `openVignette()`.

Full listing of documented articles is available in HTML view by typing `help.start()` and selecting `Biobase` package from the `Packages` menu or via `library(help="Biobase")`.

Author(s)

O. Sklyar

`ScalarObject-class` *Utility classes for length one (scalar) objects*

Description

These classes represent scalar quantities, such as a string or a number and are useful because they provide their own validity checking. The classes `ScalarCharacter`, `ScalarLogical`, `ScalarInteger`, and `ScalarNumeric` all extend their respective base vector types and can be used interchangeably (except they should always have length one).

The `mkScalar` factory function provides a convenient way of creating `Scalar<type>` objects (see the examples section below).

Usage

```
mkScalar(obj)
```

Arguments

`obj`	An object of type `character`, `logical`, `integer`, or `double`

Author(s)

Seth Falcon

Examples

```
v <- list(mkScalar("a single string"),
          mkScalar(1),
          mkScalar(1L),
          mkScalar(TRUE))
sapply(v, class)
sapply(v, length)
```

`abstract` *Retrieve Meta-data from eSets and ExpressionSets.*

Description

These generic functions access generic data, abstracts, PubMed IDs and experiment data from instances of the `eSet-class` or `ExpressionSet-class`.

Usage

```
abstract(object)
pubMedIds(object)
pubMedIds(object) <- value
experimentData(object)
experimentData(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from `eSet-class` or `MIAME-class`
`value`	Value to be assigned; see class of `object` (e.g., `eSet-class`) for specifics.

Value

`abstract` returns a character vector containing the abstract (as in a published paper) associated with `object`.

`pubMedIds` returns a character vector of PUBMED IDs associated with the experiment.

`experimentData` returns an object representing the description of an experiment, e.g., an object of `MIAME-class`

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`ExpressionSet-class`, `eSet-class`, `MIAME-class`

`addVigs2WinMenu` *Add Menu Items to an Existing/New Menu of Window*

Description

This function adds a menu item for a package's vignettes.

Usage

```
addVigs2WinMenu(pkgName)
```

Arguments

`pkgName`	`pkgName` - a character string for the name of an R package

Details

The original functions `addVig2Menu`, `addVig4Win`, `addVig4Unix`, `addNonExisting`, `addPDF2Vig` have been replaced by `addVigs2WinMenu`, please use those instead.

Value

The functions do not return any value.

Author(s)

Jianhua Zhang and Jeff Gentry

Examples

```
# Only works for windows now
if(interactive() && .Platform$OS.type == "windows" &&
         .Platform$GUI == "Rgui"){
    addVigs2WinMenu("Biobase")
}
```

`annotatedDataFrameFrom-methods` *Methods for Function annotatedDataFrameFrom in Package 'Biobase'*

Description

`annotatedDataFrameFrom` is a convenience for creating `AnnotatedDataFrame` objects.

Methods

Use the method with `annotatedDataFrameFrom(object, byrow=FALSE, ...)`; the argument `byrow` *must* be specified.

`signature(object="assayData")` This method creates an `AnnotatedDataFrame` using sample (when `byrow=FALSE`) or feature (`byrow=TRUE`) names and dimensions of an `AssayData` object as a template.

`signature(object="matrix")` This method creates an `AnnotatedDataFrame` using column (when `byrow=FALSE`) or row (`byrow=TRUE`) names and dimensions of a `matrix` object as a template.

`signature(object="NULL")` This method (called with 'NULL' as the object) creates an empty `AnnotatedDataFrame`; provides `dimLabels` based on value of `byrow`.

Author(s)

Biocore team

`annotation` *Annotate eSet data.*

Description

This generic function handles methods for adding and retrieving 'annotation' and 'description' information for eSets. An annotation is the name of the file describing the chip used for the experiment.

Usage

```
annotation(object)
annotation(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object derived from class eSet
`value`	character(1) describing the chip from which the eSet data is obtained

Value

`annotation(object)` returns a character vector indicating the annotation package.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`anyMissing` *Checks if there are any missing values in an object or not*

Description

Checks if there are any missing values in an object or not.

Usage

```
anyMissing(x=NULL)
```

Arguments

`x`	A `vector`.

Details

The implementation of this method is optimized for both speed and memory.

Value

Returns `TRUE` if a missing value was detected, otherwise `FALSE`.

Author(s)

Henrik Bengtsson (`http://www.braju.com/R/`)

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(n=1000)
x[seq(300,length(x),by=100)] <- NA
stopifnot(anyMissing(x) == any(is.na(x)))
```

`assayData` *Retrieve assay data from eSets and ExpressionSets.*

Description

This generic function accesses assay data stored in an object derived from the `eSet` or `ExpressionSet` class.

Usage

```
assayData(object)
assayData(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object derived from class eSet
`value`	Named list or environment containing one or more matrices with identical dimensions

Value

`assayData` applied to `eSet`-derived classes returns a list or environment; applied to `ExpressionSet`, the method returns an environment. See the class documentation for specific details.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`biocReposList` *Return a list of Bioconductor package repositories*

Description

WARNING: The `biocReposList` function is deprecated!

This function returns a named character vector of Bioconductor package repositories.

The vector can be used as the `repos` argument to `install.packages` and friends.

Usage

```
biocReposList()
```

Details

The repository URLs are hardcoded for each release.

Value

`bioc`	URL for Bioc software package repository
`aData`	URL for Bioc annotation data package repository
`eData`	URL for Bioc experiment data package repository
`extra`	URL for Bioc extra repository
`cran`	URL for CRAN package repository.

Author(s)

S. Falcon

Examples

```
## This function is deprecated. Please use biocLite() to install packages:
if (interactive()) {
  source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
  biocLite("hgu95av2.db")
}
## If you really need to get the list of Bioconductor package repositories
## (like biocReposList() does), then do:
source("http://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
biocinstallRepos()  # PLEASE USE THIS, NOT biocReposList()
```

`cache` *Evaluate an expression if its value is not already cached.*

Description

Cache the evaluation of an expression in the file system.

Usage

```
cache(expr, dir=".", prefix="tmp_R_cache_", name)
```

Arguments

`expr`	An expression of the form `LHS <- RHS`, Where `LHS` is a variable name, `RHS` is any valid expression, and <- must be used (= will not work).
`dir`	A string specifying the directory into which cache files should be written (also where to go searching for an appropriate cache file).
`prefix`	A string giving the prefix to use when naming and searching for cache files. The default is `"tmp_R_cache_"`
`name`	Unused. This argument is present as a compatibility layer for the deprecated calling convention.

Details

This function can be useful during the development of computationally intensive workflows, for example in vignettes or scripts. The function uses a cache file in `dir` which defaults to the current working directory whose name is obtained by `paste(prefix, name, ".RData", sep="")`.

When `cache` is called and the cache file exists, it is loaded and the object whose name is given on the left of `<-` in `expr` is returned. In this case, `expr` is *not* evaluted.

When `cache` is called and the cache file does not exist, `expr` is evaluted, its value is saved into a cache file, and then its value is returned.

The `expr` argument must be of the form of `someVar <- {expressions}`. That is, the left hand side must be a single symbol name and the next syntactic token must be `<-`.

To flush the cache and force recomputation, simply remove the cache files. You can use `file.remove` to do this.

Value

The (cached) value of `expr`.

Note

The first version of this function had a slightly different interface which is now deprecated (but still functional). The old version has arguments `name` and `expr` and the intended usage is: `foo <- cache("foo", expr)`.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
bigCalc <- function() runif(10)
cache(myComplicatedObject <- bigCalc())
aCopy <- myComplicatedObject
remove(myComplicatedObject)
cache(myComplicatedObject <- bigCalc())
stopifnot(all.equal(myComplicatedObject, aCopy))
allCacheFiles <-
   list.files(".", pattern="^tmp_R_cache_.*\\.RData$", full.name=TRUE)
file.remove(allCacheFiles)
```

`channel` *Create a new ExpressionSet instance by selecting a specific channel*

Description

This generic function extracts a specific element from an object, returning a instance of the ExpressionSet class.

Usage

```
channel(object, name, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An S4 object, typically derived from class `eSet`
`name`	The name of the channel, a (length one) character vector.
`...`	Additional arguments.

Value

An instance of class `ExpressionSet`.

Author(s)

Biocore

Examples

```
obj <- new("NChannelSet",
           R=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5),
           G=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5))
## G channel as ExpressionSet
channel(obj, "G")
```

`channelNames` *Retrieve channel names from object*

Description

This generic function reports the channels present in an object.

Usage

```
channelNames(object, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An S4 object, typically derived from class `eSet`
`...`	Additional argument, not currently used.

Value

`character`.

Author(s)

Biocore

Examples

```
obj <- new("NChannelSet",
           R=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5),
           G=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5))
channelNames(obj)
```

`AnnotatedDataFrame` *Class Containing Measured Variables and Their Meta-Data Description.*

Description

An `AnnotatedDataFrame` consists of two parts. There is a collection of samples and the values of variables measured on those samples. There is also a description of each variable measured. The components of an `AnnotatedDataFrame` can be accessed with `pData` and `varMetadata`.

Extends

Versioned

Creating Objects

```
AnnotatedDataFrame(data, varMetadata, dimLabels=c("rowNames", "columnNames"),
...)
```

`AnnotatedDataFrame` instances are created using `AnnotatedDataFrame`. The function can take three arguments, `data` is a `data.frame` of the samples (rows) and measured variables (columns). `varMetadata` is a `data.frame` with the number of rows equal to the number of columns of the `data` argument. `varMetadata` describes aspects of each measured variable. `dimLabels` provides aesthetic control for labeling rows and columns in the `show` method. `varMetadata` and `dimLabels` can be missing.

`as(data.frame, "AnnotatedDataFrame")` coerces a `data.frame` to an `AnnotatedDataFrame`.

`annotatedDataFrameFrom` may be a convenient way to create an `AnnotatedDataFrame` from `AssayData-class`.

Slots

Class-specific slots:

`data`**:** A `data.frame` containing samples (rows) and measured variables (columns).

`dimLabels`**:** A `character` vector of length 2 that provides labels for the rows and columns in the `show` method.

`varMetadata`**:** A `data.frame` with number of rows equal number of columns in `data`, and at least one column, named `labelDescription`, containing a textual description of each variable.

`.__classVersion__`**:** A `Versions` object describing the R and Biobase version numbers used to created the instance. Intended for developer use.

Methods

Class-specific methods.

`as(annotatedDataFrame, "data.frame")` Coerce objects of `AnnotatedDataFrame` to `data.frame`.

`combine(<AnnotatedDataFrame>, <AnnotatedDataFrame>`: Bind data from one `AnnotatedDataFra` to a second `AnnotatedDataFrame`, returning the result as an `AnnotatedDataFrame`. Row (sample) names in each argument must be unique. Variable names present in both arguments occupy a single column in the resulting `AnnotatedDataFrame`. Variable names unique to either argument create columns with values assigned for those samples where the variable is present. `varMetadata` in the returned `AnnotatedDataFrame` is updated to reflect the combination.

`pData(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `pData(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame>`: Set and retrieve the data (samples and variables) in the `AnnotatedDataFrame`

`varMetadata(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `varMetadata(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame` Set and retrieve the meta-data (variables and their descriptions) in the `AnnotatedDataFrame`

`featureNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `featureNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<ANY>`: Set and retrieve the feature names in `AnnotatedDataFrame`; a synonym for `sampleNames`.

`sampleNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `sampleNames(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<ANY>`: Set and retrieve the sample names in `AnnotatedDataFrame`

`varLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `varLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)<-<data.frame>`: Set and retrieve the variable labels in the `AnnotatedDataFrame`

`dimLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `dimLabels(<AnnotatedDataFrame>) <- <character>` Retrieve labels used for display of `AnnotatedDataFrame`, e.g., ‘rowNames’, ‘columnNames’.

Standard generic methods:

`initialize(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`: Object instantiation, used by `new`; not to be called directly by the user.

`as(<data.frame>, "AnnotatedDataFrame")`: Convert a `data.frame` to an AnnotatedDataFrame.

`as(<phenoData>,<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`: Convert old-style `phenoData-class` objects to `AnnotatedDataFrame`, issuing warnings as appropriate.

`validObject(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`: Validity-checking method, ensuring coordination between `data` and `varMetadata` elements

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. See `updateObject`

`isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`show(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)` Abbreviated display of object

`[<sample>,<variable>`: Subset operation, taking two arguments and indexing the sample and variable. Returns an `AnnotatedDataFrame`, i.e., including relevant metadata. Unlike a `data.frame`, setting `drop=TRUE` generates an error.

`[[<variable>`, `$<variable>`: Selector returning a variable (column of `pData`).

`[[<variable>, ...]]<-<new_value>`, `$<variable> <- <new_value>`: Replace or add a variable to `pData`. ... can include named arguments (especially `labelDescription`) to be added to `varMetadata`.

`dim(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`, `ncol(<AnnotatedDataFrame>)`: Number of samples and variables (`dim`) and variables (`ncol`) in the argument.

Author(s)

V.J. Carey, after initial design by R. Gentleman

See Also

`eSet`, `ExpressionSet`, `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(x=1:6,
                 y=rep(c("Low", "High"),3),
                 z=I(LETTERS[1:6]),
                 row.names=paste("Sample", 1:6, sep="_"))
metaData <-
  data.frame(labelDescription=c(
               "Numbers",
               "Factor levels",
               "Characters"))

AnnotatedDataFrame()
AnnotatedDataFrame(data=df)
AnnotatedDataFrame(data=df, varMetaData=metaData)
as(df, "AnnotatedDataFrame")

obj <- AnnotatedDataFrame()
pData(obj) <- df
varMetadata(obj) <- metaData
validObject(obj)
```

`AssayData-class` *Class "AssayData"*

Description

Container class defined as a class union of `list` and `environment`. Designed to contain one or more matrices of the same dimension.

Methods

combine `signature(x = "AssayData", y = "AssayData")`: This method uses `cbind` to create new AssayData elements that contain the samples of both arguments `x` and `y`.

Both AssayData arguments to combine must have the same collection of elements. The elements must have identical numbers of rows (features). The numerical contents of any columns (samples) present in the same element of different AssayData must be identical. The storageMode of the AssayData arguments must be identical, and the function returns an AssayData with storageMode matching the incoming mode. See also `combine,eSet,eSet-method`

featureNames `signature(object = "AssayData")`

featureNames<- `signature(object = "AssayData", value = "ANY")`: Return or set the feature names as a character vector. These are the row names of the AssayData elements. `value` can be a character or numeric vector; all entries must be unique.

sampleNames `signature(object = "AssayData")`

sampleNames<- `signature(object = "AssayData", value="ANY")`: Return or set the sample names. These are the column names of the the AssayData elements and the row names of `phenoData`. `value` can be a character or numeric vector.

storageMode `signature(object = "AssayData")`

storageMode<- `signature(object = "AssayData", value="character")`: Return or set the storage mode for the instance. `value` can be one of three choices: `"lockedEnvironment"`, `"environment"`, and `"list"`. Environments offer a mechanism for storing data that avoids some of the copying that occurs when using lists. Locked environment help to ensure data integrity. Note that environments are one of the few R objects that are pass-by-reference. This means that if you modify a copy of an environment, you also modify the original. For this reason, we recommend using lockedEnvironment whenever possible.

Additional functions operating on `AssayData` include:

assayData[[name]] Select element `name` from `assayData`.

assayDataNew(storage.mode = c("lockedEnvironment", "environment", "list"), ...) Use `storage.mode` to create a new list or environment containing the named elements in `...`

assayDataValidMembers(assayData, required) Validate `assayData`, ensuring that the named elements `required` are present, matrices are of the same dimension, and `featureNames` (rownames) are consistent (identical or `NULL`) across entries.

assayDataElement(object, element) See `eSet-class`

assayDataElementReplace(object, element, value) See `eSet-class`

assayDataElementNames(object) See `eSet-class`

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class` `ExpressionSet-class`

`ExpressionSet` *Class to Contain and Describe High-Throughput Expression Level Assays.*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. `ExpressionSet` class is derived from `eSet`, and requires a matrix named `exprs` as assayData member.

Extends

Directly extends class `eSet`.

Creating Objects

`ExpressionSet` instances are usually created through

`ExpressionSet()`

`ExpressionSet(assayData, phenoData=annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=FALSE), featureData=annotatedDataFrameFrom(assayData, byrow=TRUE), experimentData=new("MIAME"), annotation=character(), protocolData=annotatedDataF byrow=FALSE), ...)` This creates an `ExpressionSet` with `assayData` provided explicitly. In this form, the only required named argument is `assayData`. `assayData` can be `matrix` (a matrix of expression data, with features corresponding to rows and samples to columns) or an `environment` that contains `exprs`.

`phenoData`, `featureData`, `experimentData`, `annotation`, and `protocolData` can be missing, in which case they are assigned default values.

Slots

Inherited from `eSet`:

`assayData`: Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to `nrow(phenoData)`. `assayData` must contain a matrix `exprs` with rows represening features (e.g., reporters) and columns representing samples. Additional matrices of identical size (e.g., representing measurement errors) may also be included in `assayData`. Class:`AssayData-class`

`phenoData`: See `eSet`

`featureData`: See `eSet`

`experimentData`: See `eSet`

`annotation`: See `eSet`

`protocolData`: See `eSet`

Methods

Class-specific methods.

`as(exprSet,"ExpressionSet")` Coerce objects of `exprSet-class` to `ExpressionSet`

`as(object,"data.frame")` Coerce objects of `ExpressionSet-class` to `data.frame` by transposing the expression matrix and concatenating `phenoData`

`exprs(ExpressionSet)`, `exprs(ExpressionSet,matrix)<-` Access and set elements named `exprs` in the `AssayData-class` slot.

`esApply(ExpressionSet, MARGIN, FUN, ...)` 'apply'-like function to conveniently operate on `ExpressionSet` objects. See `esApply`.

`write.exprs(ExpressionSet)` Write expression values to a text file. It takes the same arguments as `write.table`

Derived from `eSet`:

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. See `updateObject` and `eSet`

`isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`assayData(ExpressionSet)`: See `eSet`

`sampleNames(ExpressionSet)` **and** `sampleNames(ExpressionSet)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`featureNames(ExpressionSet)`, `featureNames(ExpressionSet, value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`dims(ExpressionSet)`**:** See `eSet`

`phenoData(ExpressionSet)`, `phenoData(ExpressionSet,value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`varLabels(ExpressionSet)`, `varLabels(ExpressionSet, value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`varMetadata(ExpressionSet)`, `varMetadata(ExpressionSet,value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`pData(ExpressionSet)`, `pData(ExpressionSet,value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`varMetadata(ExpressionSet)`, `varMetadata(ExpressionSet,value)` See `eSet`

`experimentData(ExpressionSet)`,`experimentData(ExpressionSet,value)<-`**:** See `eSet`

`pubMedIds(ExpressionSet)`, `pubMedIds(ExpressionSet,value)` See `eSet`

`abstract(ExpressionSet)`**:** See `eSet`

`annotation(ExpressionSet)`, `annotation(ExpressionSet,value)<-` See `eSet`

`protocolData(ExpressionSet)`, `protocolData(ExpressionSet,value)<-` See `eSet`

`combine(ExpressionSet,ExpressionSet)`**:** See `eSet`

`storageMode(ExpressionSet)`, `storageMode(ExpressionSet,character)<-`**:** See `eSet`

Standard generic methods:

`initialize(ExpressionSet)`**:** Object instantiation, used by `new`; not to be called directly by the user.

`updateObject(ExpressionSet)`**:** Update outdated versions of `ExpressionSet` to their current definition. See `updateObject`, `Versions-class`.

`validObject(ExpressionSet)`**:** Validity-checking method, ensuring that `exprs` is a member of `assayData`. `checkValidity(ExpressionSet)` imposes this validity check, and the validity checks of `eSet`.

`makeDataPackage(object, author, email, packageName, packageVersion, license, bic`
Create a data package based on an ExpressionSet object. See `makeDataPackage`.

`as(exprSet,ExpressionSet)`**:** Coerce `exprSet` to `ExpressionSet`.

`as(eSet,ExpressionSet)`**:** Coerce the `eSet` portion of an object to `ExpressionSet`.

`show(ExpressionSet)` See `eSet`

`dim(ExpressionSet)`, `ncol` See `eSet`

`ExpressionSet[(index)`**:** See `eSet`

`ExpressionSet$`, `ExpressionSet$<-` See `eSet`

`ExpressionSet[[i]]`, `ExpressionSet[[i]]<-` See `eSet`

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`.

Examples

```
# create an instance of ExpressionSet
ExpressionSet()

ExpressionSet(assayData=matrix(runif(1000), nrow=100, ncol=10))

# update an existing ExpressionSet
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
updateObject(sample.ExpressionSet)

# information about assay and sample data
featureNames(sample.ExpressionSet)[1:10]
sampleNames(sample.ExpressionSet)[1:5]
phenoData(sample.ExpressionSet)
experimentData(sample.ExpressionSet)

# subset: first 10 genes, samples 2, 4, and 10
expressionSet <- sample.ExpressionSet[1:10,c(2,4,10)]

# named features and their expression levels
subset <- expressionSet[c("AFFX-BioC-3_at","AFFX-BioDn-5_at"),]
exprs(subset)

# samples with above-average 'score' in phenoData
highScores <- expressionSet$score > mean(expressionSet$score)
expressionSet[,highScores]

# (automatically) coerce to data.frame
lm(score~AFFX.BioDn.5_at + AFFX.BioC.3_at, data=subset)
```

`MIAME` *Class for Storing Microarray Experiment Information*

Description

Class `MIAME` covers MIAME entries that are not covered by other classes in Bioconductor. Namely, experimental design, samples, hybridizations, normalization controls, and pre-processing information. The `MIAME` class is derived from `MIAxE`.

Slots

`name`: Object of class `character` containing the experimenter name

`lab`: Object of class `character` containing the laboratory where the experiment was conducted

`contact`: Object of class `character` containing contact information for lab and/or experimenter

`title`: Object of class `character` containing a single-sentence experiment title

`abstract`: Object of class `character` containing an abstract describing the experiment

`url`: Object of class `character` containing a URL for the experiment

`samples`: Object of class `list` containing information about the samples

`hybridizations`: Object of class `list` containing information about the hybridizations `normControls`**:** Object of class `list` containing information about the controls such as house keeping genes

`preprocessing`**:** Object of class `list` containing information about the pre-processing steps used on the raw data from this experiment

`pubMedIds`**:** Object of class `character` listing strings of PubMed identifiers of papers relevant to the dataset

`other`**:** Object of class `list` containing other information for which none of the above slots does not applies

Methods

Constructor methods:

`MIAME()`**:** `MIAME(name = "", lab = "", contact = "", title = "", abstract = "", url = "", pubMedIds = "" , samples = "", hybridizations = list(), normControls = list(), preprocessing = list(), other = list())`**:** Creates a new `MIAME` object with slots as defined above.

Class-specific methods:

`abstract(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `abstract`.

`combine(MIAME,MIAME)`**:** Combine two objects of `MIAME-class`, issuing warnings when ambiguities encountered.

`expinfo(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `name`, `lab`, `contact`, `title`, and `url`.

`hybridizations(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `hybridizations`.

`normControls(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `normControls`.

`notes(MIAME), notes(MIAME) <- value`**:** Accessor functions for `other`. `notes(MIAME) <- character` *appends* character to notes; use `notes(MIAME) <- list` to replace the notes entirely.

`otherInfo(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `other`.

`preproc(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `preprocessing`.

`pubMedIds(MIAME), pubMedIds(MIAME) <- value`**:** Accessor function for `pubMedIds`.

`samples(MIAME)`**:** An accessor function for `samples`.

Standard generic methods:

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. See `updateObject`

`isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`show(MIAME)`**:** Renders information about the MIAME information

Author(s)

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References

`http://www.mged.org/Workgroups/MIAME/miame_1.1.html`

See Also

`class:characterORMIAME`, `read.MIAME`

`MIAxE` *MIAxE objects*

Description

The `MIAxE` virtual class is a general container for storing experiment metadata. Information such as experimental design, samples, normalization methods and pre-processing information can be stored in these objets.

The `MIAxE` class is virtual and `MIAxE` objects cannot be instantiated directly. The following classes derive directly from the `MIAxE` class: MIAME.

Slots

Introduced in `MIAxE`:

`.__classVersion__`: A `Versions` object describing the `MIAxE` version number. Intended for developer use.

Methods

Standard generic methods:

`show(object)` Informatively display object contents.

Author(s)

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See Also

Related classes `MIAME-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`. Derived classes `MIAME-class`.

Examples

```
# Create a new class
setClass("MyData", contains="MIAxE")
new("MyData")

# MIAxE objects cannot be instantiated directly
try(new("MIAxE"))
```

`MultiSet` *Class to Contain and Describe High-Throughput Expression Level Assays.*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. `MutliSet` is derived from `eSet-class`. `MultiSet` differs from `ExpressionSet-class` because `MultiSet` can contain any element(s) in `assayData` (`ExpressionSet` must have an element named `exprs`).

Extends

Directly extends class `eSet`.

Creating Objects

`new('MultiSet', phenoData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], experimentData = [MIAME], annotation = [character], protocolData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], ...)`

`updateOldESet(oldESet,"MultiSet")`

`MultiSet` instances are usually created through `new("MultiSet", ...)`. The `...` arguments to `new` are matrices of expression data (with features corresponding to rows and samples to columns), `phenoData`, `experimentData`, `annotation`, and `protocolData`. `phenoData`, `experimentData`, `annotation`, and `protocolData` can be missing, in which case they are assigned default values.

`updateOldESet` will take a serialized instance (e.g., saved to a disk file with `save` object created with earlier definitions of the `eSet-class`, and update the object to `MultiSet`. Warnings are issued when direct translation is not possible; incorrectly created `oldESet` instances may not be updated.

Slots

Inherited from `eSet`:

`assayData`: Contains zero or more matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to `nrow(phenoData)`. Each matrix in `assayData` has rows representing features (e.g., reporters) and columns representing samples. Class:`AssayData-class`

`phenoData`: See `eSet-class`

`experimentData`: See `eSet-class`

`annotation`: See `eSet-class`

`protocolData`: See `eSet-class`

Methods

Class-specific methods: none

Derived from `eSet-class`:

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. See `updateObject` and `eSet` `isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`sampleNames(MultiSet)` **and** `sampleNames(MultiSet)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`featureNames(MultiSet)`, `featureNames(MultiSet, value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`dims(MultiSet)`: See `eSet-class`

`phenoData(MultiSet)`, `phenoData(MultiSet,value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`varLabels(MultiSet)`, `varLabels(MultiSet, value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`varMetadata(MultiSet)`, `varMetadata(MultiSet,value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`pData(MultiSet)`, `pData(MultiSet,value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`varMetadata(MultiSet)`, `varMetadata(MultiSet,value)` See `eSet-class`

`experimentData(MultiSet)`, `experimentData(MultiSet,value)<-`: See `eSet-class`

`pubMedIds(MultiSet)`, `pubMedIds(MultiSet,value)` See `eSet-class`

`abstract(MultiSet)`: See `eSet-class`

`annotation(MultiSet)`, `annotation(MultiSet,value)<-` See `eSet-class`

`protocolData(MultiSet)`, `protocolData(MultiSet,value)<-` See `eSet-class`

`combine(MultiSet,MultiSet)`: See `eSet-class`

`storageMode(eSet)`, `storageMode(eSet,character)<-`: See `eSet-class`

Standard generic methods:

`initialize(MultiSet)`: Object instantiation, used by `new`; not to be called directly by the user.

`validObject(MultiSet)`: Validity-checking method, ensuring that all elements of `assayData` are matricies with equal dimensions.

`as(eSet,MultiSet)`: Coerce the `eSet` portion of an object to `MultiSet`.

`show(MultiSet)` See `eSet-class`

`dim(MultiSet)`, `ncol` See `eSet-class`

`MultiSet[(index)`: See `eSet-class`

`MultiSet$`, `MultiSet$<-` See `eSet-class`

Author(s)

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See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`

Examples

```
# create an instance of ExpressionSet
new("MultiSet")
```

`NChannelSet-class` *Class to contain data from multiple channel array technologies*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental meta-data. Data are from experiments where a single 'chip' contains several (more than 1) different 'channels'. All channels on a chip have the same set of'features'. An experiment consists of a collection of several N-channel chips; each chip is a 'sample'.

An `NChannelSet` provides a way to coordinate assay data (expression values) with phenotype information and references to chip annotation data; it extends the `eSet` class.

An `NChannelSet` allows channels to be extracted (using the `channels` method, mentioned below), and subsets of features or samples to be selected (using `[<features>, <samples>]`). Selection and subsetting occur so that relevant phenotypic data is maintained by the selection or subset.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("NChannelSet", assayData, phenoData, ...)`. See the examples below.

Slots

`assayData`**:** Object of class `AssayData`, usually an environment containing matrices of identical size. Each matrix represents a single channel. Columns in each matrix correspond to samples, rows to features. Once created, `NChannelSet` manages coordination of samples and channels.

`phenoData`**:** Object of class `AnnotatedDataFrame`.

The `data` component of the `AnnotatedDataFrame` is `data.frame` with number of rows equal to the number of samples. Columns of the `data` component correspond to measured covariates.

The `varMetadata` component consists of mandatory columns `labelDescription` (providing a textual description of each column label in the `data` component) and `channel`. The `channel` of `varMetadata` is a `factor`, with levels equal to the names of the `assayData` channels, plus the special symbol _ALL_. The `channel` column is used to indicate which channel(s) the corresponding column in the `data` component of `AnnotatedDataFrame` correspond; the _ALL_ symbol indicates that the `data` column is applicable to all channels. `varMetadata` may contain additional columns with arbitrary information.

Once created, `NChannelSet` coordinates selection and subsetting of channels in `phenoData`.

`featureData`**:** Object of class `AnnotatedDataFrame`, used to contain feature data that is unique to this experiment; feature-level descriptions common to a particular chip are usually referenced through the `annotation` slot.

`experimentData`**:** Object of class `MIAME` containing descriptions of the experiment.

`annotation`**:** Object of class `"character"`. Usually a length-1 character string identifying the chip technology used during the experiment. The annotation string is used to retrieve information about features, e.g., using the `annotation` package.

`protocolData`**:** Object of class `"character"`. A character vector identifying the dates the samples were scanned during the experiment.

- **`.__classVersion__`:** Object of class `Versions`, containing automatically created information about the class definition Biobase package version, and other information about the user system at the time the instance was created. See `classVersion` and `updateObject` for examples of use.

Extends

Class `"eSet"`, directly. Class `"VersionedBiobase"`, by class "eSet", distance 2. Class `"Versioned"`, by class "eSet", distance 3.

Methods

Methods with class-specific functionality:

- `channel(object, name, ...) signature(object="NChannelSet", name="character")`. Return an `ExperessionSet` created from the channel and corresponding phenotype of argument `name`. `name` must have length 1. Arguments `...` are rarely used, but are passed to the `ExpressionSet` constructor, for instance to influence `storage.mode`.
- `channelNames(object) signature(object = "NChannelSet")`. Obtain names of channels contained in `object`.
- `selectChannels(object, names, ... signature(object = "NChannelSet", names = "character")`. Create a new `NChannelSet` from `object`, containing only channels in `names`. The `...` is not used by this method.
- `object[features, samples] signature(object = "NChannelSet", features = "ANY", samples = "ANY")`. Create a new `NChannelSet` from `object`, containing only elements matching `features` and `samples`; either index may be missing, or a character, numeric, or logical vector.
- `sampleNames(object) <- value signature(object = "NChannelSet", value = "list")` assign each (named) element of `value` to the `sampleNames` of the correspondingly named elements of `assayData` in `object`.

Methods with functionality derived from `eSet`: `annotation`, `annotation<-`, `assayData`, `assayData<-`, `classVersion`, `classVersion<-`, `dim`, `dims`, `experimentData`, `experimentData<-`, `featureData`, `featureData<-`, `phenoData`, `phenoData<-`, `protocolData`, `protocolData<-`, `pubMedIds`, `pubMedIds<-`, `sampleNames`, `sampleNames<-`, `storageMode`, `storageMode<-`, `varMetadata`, `varMetadata<-`, `isCurrent`, `isVersioned`, `updateObject`.

Additional methods: `coerce` (‘as’, to convert between objects, if possible), `initialize` (used internally for creating objects), `show` (invoked automatically when the object is displayed to the screen)

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See Also

`eSet`, `ExpressionSet`.

Examples

```
## An empty NChannelSet
obj <- new("NChannelSet")

## An NChannelSet with two channels (R, G) and no phenotypic data
obj <- new("NChannelSet",
           R=matrix(0,10,5), G=matrix(0,10,5))
## An NChannelSet with two channels and channel-specific phenoData
R <- matrix(0, 10, 3, dimnames=list(NULL, LETTERS[1:3]))
G <- matrix(1, 10, 3, dimnames=list(NULL, LETTERS[1:3]))
assayData <- assayDataNew(R=R, G=G)
data <- data.frame(ChannelRData=numeric(ncol(R)),
                   ChannelGData=numeric(ncol(R)),
                   ChannelRAndG=numeric(ncol(R)))
varMetadata <- data.frame(labelDescription=c(
                            "R-specific phenoData",
                            "G-specific phenoData",
                            "Both channel phenoData"),
                          channel=factor(c("R", "G", "_ALL_")))
phenoData <- new("AnnotatedDataFrame",
                 data=data, varMetadata=varMetadata)
obj <- new("NChannelSet",
           assayData=assayData, phenoData=phenoData)
obj

## G channel as NChannelSet
selectChannels(obj, "G")

## G channel as ExpressionSet
channel(obj, "G")

## Samples "A" and "C"
obj[,c("A", "C")]
```

`SnpSet` *Class to Contain Objects Describing High-Throughput SNP Assays.*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. `SnpSet` class is derived from `eSet`, and requires matrices `call`, `callProbability` as assay data members.

Extends

Directly extends class `eSet`.

Creating Objects

`new('SnpSet', phenoData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], experimentData = [MIAME], annotation = [character], protocolData = [AnnotatedDataFrame], call = [matrix], callProbability = [matrix], ...)`

`SnpSet` instances are usually created through `new("SnpSet", ...)`. Usually the arguments to `new` include `call` (a matrix of genotypic calls, with features (SNPs) corresponding to rows and samples to columns), `phenoData`, `experimentData`, `annotation`, and `protocolData`. `phenoData`, `experimentData`, `annotation` and `protocolData` can be missing, in which case they are assigned default values.

Slots

Inherited from `eSet`:

`assayData`: Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to `nrow(phenoData)`. `assayData` must contain a matrix `call` with rows representing features (e.g., SNPs) and columns representing samples, and a matrix `callProbability` describing the certainty of the call. The content of `call` and `callProbability` are not enforced by the class. Additional matrices of identical size may also be included in `assayData`. Class:`AssayData-class`

`phenoData`: See `eSet`

`experimentData`: See `eSet`

`annotation`: See `eSet`

`protocolData`: See `eSet`

Methods

Class-specific methods:

`snpCall(SnpSet)`, `snpCall(SnpSet,matrix)<-` Access and set elements named `call` in the `AssayData` slot.

`exprs(SnpSet)`, `exprs(SnpSet,matrix)<-` Synonym for `snpCall`.

`snpCallProbability(SnpSet)`, `snpCallProbability<-(SnpSet,matrix)<-` Access and set elements named `callProbability` in the `AssayData` slot.

Derived from `eSet`:

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. See `updateObject` and `eSet`

`isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`sampleNames(SnpSet)` and `sampleNames(SnpSet)<-`: See `eSet`

`featureNames(SnpSet)`, `featureNames(SnpSet, value)<-`: See `eSet`

`dims(SnpSet)`: See `eSet`

`phenoData(SnpSet)`, `phenoData(SnpSet,value)<-`: See `eSet`

`varLabels(SnpSet)`, `varLabels(SnpSet, value)<-`: See `eSet`

`varMetadata(SnpSet)`, `varMetadata(SnpSet,value)<-`: See `eSet`

`pData(SnpSet)`, `pData(SnpSet,value)<-`: See `eSet`

`varMetadata(SnpSet)`, `varMetadata(SnpSet,value)` See `eSet`

`experimentData(SnpSet)`,`experimentData(SnpSet,value)<-`: See `eSet`

`pubMedIds(SnpSet)`, `pubMedIds(SnpSet,value)` See `eSet`

`abstract(SnpSet)`: See `eSet`

`annotation(SnpSet)`, `annotation(SnpSet,value)<-` See `eSet` `protocolData(SnpSet),protocolData(SnpSet,value)<-` See `eSet`

`combine(SnpSet,SnpSet):` See `eSet`

`storageMode(eSet),storageMode(eSet,character)<-:` See `eSet`

Standard generic methods:

`initialize(SnpSet):` Object instantiation, used by `new`; not to be called directly by the user.

`validObject(SnpSet):` Validity-checking method, ensuring that `call` and `callProbability` is a member of `assayData`. `checkValidity(SnpSet)` imposes this validity check, and the validity checks of `eSet`.

`show(SnpSet)` See `eSet`

`dim(SnpSet),ncol` See `eSet`

`SnpSet[(index):` See `eSet`

`SnpSet$,SnpSet$<-` See `eSet`

Author(s)

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See Also

`eSet`, `ExpressionSet`

`Versioned` *Class "Versioned"*

Description

Use this class as a 'superclass' for classes requiring information about versions.

Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

`new("Versioned", ..., versions=list())` Create a new `Versioned-class` instance, perhaps with additional named version elements (the contents of `versions`) added. Named elements of `versions` are character strings that can be coerced using `package_version`, or `package_version` instances.

`classVersion(object)` Obtain version information about instance `object`. See `classVersion`.

`classVersion(object) <- value` Set version information on instance `object` to `value`; useful when `object` is an instance of a class that contains `VersionClass`. See `classVersion`.

`classVersion(object)["id"] <- value` Create or update version information `"id"` on instance `object` to `value`; useful when `object` is an instance of a class that contains `VersionClass`. See `classVersion`.

`show(object)` Default method returns `invisible`, to avoid printing confusing information when your own class does not have a `show` method defined. Use `classVersion(object)` to get or set version information.

Author(s)

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See Also

`Versions-class`

Examples

```
obj <- new("Versioned", versions=list(A="1.0.0"))
obj
classVersion(obj)

setClass("A", contains="Versioned")

classVersion("A")
a <- new("A")
a # 'show' nothing by default
classVersion(a)

setClass("B",
         contains="Versioned",
         prototype=prototype(new("Versioned",versions=list(B="1.0.0"))))

classVersion("B")
b <- new("B")
classVersion(b)

classVersion(b)["B"] <- "1.0.1"
classVersion(b)
classVersion("B")

classVersion("B") < classVersion(b)
classVersion(b) == "1.0.1"

setClass("C",
         representation(x="numeric"),
         contains=("VersionedBiobase"),
         prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(C="1.0.1"))))

setMethod("show", signature(object="C"),
          function(object) print(object@x))

c <- new("C", x=1:10)

c

classVersion(c)
```

`VersionedBiobase` *Class "VersionedBiobase"*

Description

Use this class as a ‘superclass’ for classes requiring information about versions. By default, the class contains versions for R and Biobase. See `Versioned-class` for additional details.

Methods

set `Versioned-class` for methods.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`Versioned-class`

Examples

```
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")
classVersion(obj)

obj <- new("VersionedBiobase", versions=list(A="1.0.0"))
classVersion(obj)

setClass("A", contains="VersionedBiobase")

classVersion("A")
a <- new("A")
classVersion(a)

obj <- new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(MyVersion="1.0.0"))
classVersion(obj)

setClass("B",
         contains="VersionedBiobase",
         prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase",versions=list(B="1.0.0"))))

classVersion("B")
b <- new("B")
classVersion(b)

removeClass("A")
removeClass("B")
```

`Versions` *Class "Versions"*

Description

A class to record version number information. This class is used to report versions; to add version information to your own class, use `Versioned-class`.

Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

`new("Versions", ...)` Create a new `Versions-class` instance, perhaps with named version elements (the contents of `...`) added. Named elements of `versions` are character strings that can be coerced using `package_version`, or `package_version` instances, `Versions-class` objects.

`object["id"]` Obtain version information `"id"` from `object`.

`object["id"] <- value` Create or update version information `"id"` on instance `object`.

`object[["id"]]` Obtain version information `"id"` from `object`. The result is a list of integers, corresponding to entries in the version string.

`object[["id"]] <- value` Create or update version information `"id"` on instance `object`.

`object$id` Obtain version information `"id"` from `object`.The result is a list of integers, corresponding to entries in the version string.

`object$id <- value` Create or update version information `"id"` on instance `object`.

`show(object)` Display version information.

`updateObject(object)` Update `object` to the current `Versions-class` representation. Note that this does *not* update another class that uses `Versions-class` to track the class version.

`as(object, "character")` Convert `object` to character representation, e.g., `1.0.0`

`object1 < object2` Compare `object1` and `object2` using version class information. Symbols in addition to < are admissible; see `?Ops`

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`classVersion` `isCurrent` `isVersioned`

Examples

```
obj <- new("Versions", A="1.0.0")
obj

obj["A"] <- "1.0.1"
obj
obj["B"] <- "2.0"
obj

obj1 <- obj
obj1["B"] <- "2.0.1"

obj1 == obj
obj1["B"] > "2.0.0"
obj["B"] == "2.0" # TRUE!
```

`VersionsNull` *Class "VersionsNull"*

Description

A class used to represent the 'version' of unversioned objects. Useful primarily for method dispatch.

Methods

The following are defined; package developers may write additional methods.

`new("VersionsNull", ...)` Create a new `VersionsNull-class` instance, ignoring any additional arguments.

`show(object)` Display "No version".

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`classVersion`

Examples

```
obj <- new("VersionsNull")
obj

obj <- new("VersionsNull", A="1.0.0") # warning
obj
```

`aggregator` *A Simple Class for Aggregators*

Description

A class of objects designed to help aggregate calculations over an iterative computation. The aggregator consists of three objects. An environment to hold the values. A function that sets up an initial value the first time an object is seen. An aggregate function that increments the value of an object seen previously.

Details

This class is used to help aggregate different values over function calls. A very simple example is to use leave one out cross-validation for prediction. At each stage we first perform feature selection and then cross-validate. To keep track of how often each feature is selected we can use an aggregator. At the end of the cross-validation we can extract the names of the features chosen from `aggenv`.

Creating Objects

```
new('aggregator', aggenv = [environment], initfun = [function], aggfun
= [function])
```

Slots

`aggenv`**:** Object of class 'environment', holds the values between iterations

`initfun`**:** Object of class 'function' specifies how to initialize the value for a name the first time it is encountered

`aggfun`**:** Object of class 'function' used to increment (or perform any other function) on a name

Methods

`aggenv(aggregator)`**:** Used to access the environment of the aggregator

`aggfun(aggregator)`**:** Used to access the function that aggregates

`initfun(aggregator)`**:** Used to access the initializer function

See Also

`Aggregate`

`class:characterORMIAME`

Class to Make Older Versions Compatible

Description

This class can be either `character` or `MIAME`.

Methods

No methods defined with class "characterORMIAME" in the signature.

See Also

See also `MIAME`

`container` *A Lockable List Structure with Constraints on Content*

Description

Container class that specializes the list construct of R to provide content and access control

Creating Objects

`new('container', x = [list], content = [character], locked = [logical])`

Slots

x list of entities that are guaranteed to share a certain property

content tag describing container contents

locked boolean indicator of locked status. Value of TRUE implies assignments into the container are not permitted

Methods

Class-specific methods:

`content(container)` returns `content` slot of argument

`locked(container)` returns `locked` slot of argument

Standard methods defined for 'container':

`show(container)` prints container

`length(container)` returns number of elements in the container

`[[(index)` **and** `[[(index, value)` access and replace elements in the container

`[(index)` make a subset of a container (which will itself be a container)

Examples

```
x1 <- new("container", x=vector("list", length=3), content="lm")
lm1 <- lm(rnorm(10)~runif(10))
x1[[1]] <- lm1
```

`eSet` *Class to Contain High-Throughput Assays and Experimental Metadata*

Description

Container for high-throughput assays and experimental metadata. Classes derived from `eSet` contain one or more identical-sized matrices as `assayData` elements. Derived classes (e.g., `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`) specify which elements must be present in the `assayData` slot.

`eSet` object cannot be instantiated directly; see the examples for usage.

Creating Objects

`eSet` is a virtual class, so instances cannot be created.

Objects created under previous definitions of `eSet-class` can be coerced to the current classes derived from `eSet` using `updateOldESet`.

Slots

Introduced in `eSet`:

`assayData`**:** Contains matrices with equal dimensions, and with column number equal to `nrow(phenoData)`. Class:`AssayData-class`

`phenoData`**:** Contains experimenter-supplied variables describing sample (i.e., columns in `assayData`) phenotypes. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

`featureData`**:** Contains variables describing features (i.e., rows in `assayData`) unique to this experiment. Use the `annotation` slot to efficiently reference feature data common to the annotation package used in the experiment. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

`experimentData`**:** Contains details of experimental methods. Class: `MIAME-class`

`annotation`**:** Label associated with the annotation package used in the experiment. Class: `character`

`protocolData`**:** Contains microarray equipment-generated variables describing sample (i.e., columns in `assayData`) phenotypes. Class: `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`

`.__classVersion__`**:** A `Versions` object describing the R and Biobase version numbers used to created the instance. Intended for developer use.

Methods

Methods defined in derived classes (e.g., `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`) may override the methods described here.

Class-specific methods:

`sampleNames(object)` **and** `sampleNames(object)<-value`**:** Coordinate accessing and setting sample names in `assayData` and `phenoData`

`featureNames(object)`**,** `featureNames(object) <- value`**:** Coordinate accessing and setting of feature names (e.g, genes, probes) in `assayData`.

`dims(object)`**:** Access the common dimensions (`dim`) or column numbers (`ncol`), or dimensions of all members (`dims`) of `assayData`.

`phenoData(object)`, `phenoData(object) <- value`: Access and set `phenoData`. Adding new columns to `phenoData` is often more easily done with `eSetObject[["columnName"]] <- value`.

`pData(object)`, `pData(object) <- value`: Access and set sample data information. Adding new columns to `pData` is often more easily done with `eSetObject[["columnName"]] <- value`.

`varMetadata(object)`, `varMetadata(eSet,value)` Access and set metadata describing variables reported in `pData`

`varLabels(object)`, `varLabels(eSet, value)<-`: Access and set variable labels in `phenoData`.

`featureData(object)`, `featureData(object) <- value`: Access and set `featureData`.

`fData(object)`, `fData(object) <- value`: Access and set feature data information.

`fvarMetadata(object)`, `fvarMetadata(eSet,value)` Access and set metadata describing features reported in `fData`

`fvarLabels(object)`, `fvarLabels(eSet, value)<-`: Access and set variable labels in `featureData`.

`assayData(object)`, `assayData(object) <- value`: `signature(object = "eSet", value = "AssayData")`: Access and replace the `AssayData` slot of an `eSet` instance. `assayData` returns a list or environment; elements in `assayData` not accessible in other ways (e.g., via `exprs` applied directly to the `eSet`) can most reliably be accessed with, e.g., `assayData(obj)[["se.exprs"]]`.

`experimentData(object)`, `experimentData(object) <- value`: Access and set details of experimental methods

`description(object)`, `description(object) <- value`: Synonymous with experimentData.

`notes(object)`, `notes(object) <- value`: `signature(object="eSet", value="list")` Retrieve and set unstructured notes associated with `eSet`. `signature(object="eSet", value="character")` As with value="list", but *append* value to current list of notes.

`pubMedIds(object)`, `pubMedIds(eSet,value)` Access and set PMIDs in `experimentData`.

`abstract(object)`: Access abstract in `experimentData`.

`annotation(object)`, `annotation(object) <- value` Access and set annotation label indicating package used in the experiment.

`protocolData(object)`, `protocolData(object) <- value` Access and set the protocol data.

`preproc(object)`, `preproc(object) <- value`: `signature(object="eSet", value="list")` Access and set `preprocessing` information in the `MIAME-class` object associated with this `eSet`.

`combine(eSet,eSet)`: Combine two `eSet` objects. To be combined, eSets must have identical numbers of `featureNames`, distinct `sampleNames`, and identical `annotation`.

`storageMode(object)`, `storageMode(eSet,character)<-`: Change storage mode of `assayData`. Can be used to 'unlock' environments, or to change between `list` and `environment` modes of storing `assayData`.

Standard generic methods:

`initialize(object)`: Object instantiation, can be called by derived classes but not usually by the user.

`validObject(object)`**:** Validity-checking method, ensuring (1) all assayData components have the same number of features and samples; (2) the number and names of `phenoData` rows match the number and names of `assayData` columns

`as(eSet, "ExpressionSet")` Convert instance of class `"eSet"` to instance of `ExpressionSet-class`, if possible.

`as(eSet, "MultiSet")` Convert instance of class `"eSet"` to instance of `MultiSet-class`, if possible.

`updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version, if necessary. Usually called through class inheritance rather than directly by the user. See `updateObject`

`updateObjectTo(object, template, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Update instance to current version by updating slots in `template`, if necessary. Usually call by class inheritance, rather than directly by the user. See `updateObjectTo`

`isCurrent(object)` Determine whether version of object is current. See `isCurrent`

`isVersioned(object)` Determine whether object contains a 'version' string describing its structure . See `isVersioned`

`show(object)` Informatively display object contents.

`dim(object)`, `ncol` Access the common dimensions (`dim`) or column numbers (`ncol`), of all memebers (`dims`) of `assayData`.

`object[(index)`**:** Conducts subsetting of matrices and phenoData components

`object$name`, `object$name<-value` Access and set `name` column in `phenoData`

`object[[i, ...]]`, `object[[i, ...]]<-value` Access and set column `i` (character or numeric index) in `phenoData`. The ... argument can include named variables (especially `labelDescription`) to be added to varMetadata.

Additional functions:

assayDataElement(object, element) Return matrix `element` from `assayData` slot of `object`.

assayDataElement(object, element) <- value) Set element `element` in `assayData` slot of `object` to matrix `value`

assayDataElementReplace(object, element, value) Set element `element` in `assayData` slot of `object` to matrix `value`

assayDataElementNames(object) Return element names in `assayData` slot of `object`

`updateOldESet` Update versions of `eSet` constructued using `listOrEnv` as `assayData` slot (before May, 2006).

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

Method use in `ExpressionSet-class`. Related classes `AssayData-class`, `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`, `MIAME-class`. Derived classes `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`. To update objects from previous class versions, see `updateOldESet`.

Examples

```
# update previous eSet-like class oldESet to existing derived class
## Not run: updateOldESet(oldESet, "ExpressionSet")

# create a new, ad hoc, class, for personal use
# all methods outlined above are available automatically
setClass("MySet", contains="eSet")
new("MySet")

# Create a more robust class, with initialization and validation methods
# to ensure assayData contains specific matricies
setClass("TwoColorSet", contains="eSet")

setMethod("initialize", "TwoColorSet",
          function(.Object,
                   phenoData = new("AnnotatedDataFrame"),
                   experimentData = new("MIAME"),
                   annotation = character(),
                   R = new("matrix"),
                   G = new("matrix"),
                   Rb = new("matrix"),
                   Gb = new("matrix"),
                   ... ) {
            callNextMethod(.Object,
                           phenoData = phenoData,
                           experimentData = experimentData,
                           annotation = annotation,
                           R=R, G=G, Rb=Rb, Gb=Gb,
                           ...)
          })

setValidity("TwoColorSet", function(object) {
  assayDataValidMembers(assayData(object), c("R", "G", "Rb", "Gb"))
})

new("TwoColorSet")

# eSet objects cannot be instantiated directly, only derived objects
try(new("eSet"))

removeClass("MySet")
removeClass("TwoColorSet")
removeMethod("initialize", "TwoColorSet")
```

`classVersion` *Retrieve information about versioned classes*

Description

These generic functions return version information for classes derived from `Versioned-class`, or `VersionsNull-class` for unversioned objects. The version information is an object of `Versions-class`.

By default, `classVersion` has the following behaviors:

`classVersion(Versioned-instance)` Returns a `Versions-class` object obtained from the object.

`classVersion{"class"}` Consults the definition of `class` and return the current version information, if available.

`classVersion(ANY)` Return a `VersionsNull-class` object to indicate no version information available.

By default, the `classVersion<-` method has the following behavior:

`classVersion(Versioned-instance)["id"] <- value` Assign (update or add) `value` to `Versions-instance`. `value` is coerced to a valid version description. see `Versions-class` for additional access methods.

Usage

```
classVersion(object)
classVersion(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object whose version is to be determined, as described above.
`value`	`Version-class` object to assign to object of `Versioned-class` object.

Value

`classVersion` returns an instance of `Versions-class`

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

`Versions-class`

Examples

```
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")

classVersion(obj)
classVersion(obj)["Biobase"]
classVersion(1:10) # no version
classVersion("ExpressionSet") # consult ExpressionSet prototype

classVersion(obj)["MyVersion"] <- "1.0.0"
classVersion(obj)
```

`combine` *Methods for Function combine in Package 'Biobase'*

Description

This generic function handles methods for combining or merging different Bioconductor data structures. It should, given an arbitrary number of arguments of the same class (possibly by inheritance), combine them into a single instance in a sensible way (some methods may only combine 2 objects, ignoring `...` in the argument list; because Bioconductor data structures are complicated, check carefully that `combine` does as you intend).

Usage

```
combine(x, y, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	One of the values.
`y`	A second value.
`...`	Any other objects of the same class as `x` and `y`.

Details

There are two basic combine strategies. One is an intersection strategy. The returned value should only have rows (or columns) that are found in all input data objects. The union strategy says that the return value will have all rows (or columns) found in any one of the input data objects (in which case some indication of what to use for missing values will need to be provided).

These functions and methods are currently under construction. Please let us know if there are features that you require.

Value

A single value of the same class as the most specific common ancestor (in class terms) of the input values. This will contain the appropriate combination of the data in the input values.

Methods

`combine(x=ANY, missing)` Return the first (x) argument unchanged.

`combine(data.frame, data.frame)` Combines two `data.frame` objects so that the resulting `data.frame` contains all rows and columns of the original objects. Rows and columns in the returned value are unique, that is, a row or column represented in both arguments is represented only once in the result. To perform this operation, `combine` makes sure that data in shared rows and columns are identical in the two data.frames. Data differences in shared rows and columns usually cause an error. `combine` issues a warning when a column is a `factor` and the levels of the factor in the two data.frames are different.

`combine(matrix, matrix)` Combined two `matrix` objects so that the resulting `matrix` contains all rows and columns of the original objects. Both matricies must have `dimnames`. Rows and columns in the returned value are unique, that is, a row or column represented in both arguments is represented only once in the result. To perform this operation, `combine` makes sure that data in shared rows and columns are all equal in the two matricies.

Additional `combine` methods are defined for `AnnotatedDataFrame`, `AssayData`, `MIAME`, and `eSet` classes and subclasses.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`merge`

Examples

```
x <- data.frame(x=1:5,
        y=factor(letters[1:5], levels=letters[1:8]),
        row.names=letters[1:5])
y <- data.frame(z=3:7,
        y=factor(letters[3:7], levels=letters[1:8]),
        row.names=letters[3:7])
combine(x,y)

w <- data.frame(w=4:8,
       y=factor(letters[4:8], levels=letters[1:8]),
       row.names=letters[4:8])
combine(w, x, y)

# y is converted to 'factor' with different levels
df1 <- data.frame(x=1:5,y=letters[1:5], row.names=letters[1:5])
df2 <- data.frame(z=3:7,y=letters[3:7], row.names=letters[3:7])
try(combine(df1, df2)) # fails
# solution 1: ensure identical levels
y1 <- factor(letters[1:5], levels=letters[1:7])
y2 <- factor(letters[3:7], levels=letters[1:7])
df1 <- data.frame(x=1:5,y=y1, row.names=letters[1:5])
df2 <- data.frame(z=3:7,y=y2, row.names=letters[3:7])
combine(df1, df2)
# solution 2: force column to be 'character'
df1 <- data.frame(x=1:5,y=I(letters[1:5]), row.names=letters[1:5])
df2 <- data.frame(z=3:7,y=I(letters[3:7]), row.names=letters[3:7])
combine(df1, df2)

m <- matrix(1:20, nrow=5, dimnames=list(LETTERS[1:5], letters[1:4]))
combine(m[1:3,], m[4:5,])
combine(m[1:3, 1:3], m[3:5, 3:4]) # overlap
```

`contents` *Function to retrieve contents of environments*

Description

The contents method is used to retrieve the values stored in an environment.

Usage

```
contents(object, all.names)
```

Arguments

`object`	The environment (data table) that you want to get all contents from
`all.names`	a logical indicating whether to copy all values in `as.list.environment`

Value

A named list is returned, where the elements are the objects stored in the environment. The names of the elements are the names of the objects.

The `all.names` argument is identical to the one used in `as.list.environment`.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`as.list.environment`

Examples

```
z <- new.env()
multiassign(letters, 1:26, envir=z)
contents(z)
```

`copyEnv` *List-Environment interactions*

Description

These functions can be used to make copies of environments, or to get/assign all of the objects inside of an environment.

Usage

```
copyEnv(oldEnv, newEnv, all.names=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`oldEnv`	An environment to copy from
`newEnv`	An environment to copy to. If missing, a new environment with the same parent environment as oldEnv.
`all.names`	Whether to retrieve objects with names that start with a dot.

Details

`copyEnv`: This function will make a copy of the contents from `oldEnv` and place them into `newEnv`.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry and R. Gentleman

See Also

`environment`, `as.list`

Examples

```
z <- new.env(hash=TRUE, parent=emptyenv(), size=29L)
multiassign(c("a","b","c"), c(1,2,3), z)

a <- copyEnv(z)
ls(a)
```

`copySubstitute` *Copy Between Connections or Files with Configure-Like Name-Value Substitution*

Description

Copy files, directory trees or between connections and replace all occurences of a symbol by the corresponding value.

Usage

```
copySubstitute(src, dest, symbolValues, symbolDelimiter="@", allowUnresolvedSymb
```

Arguments

`src`	Source, either a character vector with filenames and/or directory names, or a connection object.
`dest`	Destination, either a character vector of length 1 with the name of an existing, writable directory, or a connection object. The class of the `dest` argument must match that of the `src` argument.
`symbolValues`	A named list of character strings.
`symbolDelimiter`	A character string of length one with a single character in it.
`allowUnresolvedSymbols`	Logical. If `FALSE`, then the function will execute `stop` if it comes across symbols that are not defined in `symbolValues`.
`recursive`	Logical. If `TRUE`, the function works recursively down a directory tree (see details).
`removeExtension`	Character. Matches to this regular expression are removed from filenames and directory names.

Details

Symbol substitution: this is best explained with an example. If the list `symbolValues` contains an element with name `FOO` and value `bar`, and symbolDelimiter is `@`, then any occurrence of `@FOO@` is replaced by `bar`. This applies both the text contents of the files in `src` as well as to the filenames. See examples.

If `recursive` is `FALSE`, both `src` and `dest` must be connection or a filenames. The text in `src` is read through the function `readLines`, symbols are replaced by their values, and the result is written to `dest` through the function `writeLines`.

If `recursive` is `TRUE`, `copySubstitute` works recursively down a directory tree (see details and example). `src` must be a character vector with multiple filenames or directory names, `dest` a directory name.

One use of this function is in `createPackage` for the automatic generation of packages from a template package directory.

Value

None. The function is called for its side effect.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber `http://www.dkfz.de/mga/whuber`

Examples

```
## create an example file
infile  = tempfile()
outfile = tempfile()

writeLines(text=c("We will perform in @WHAT@:",
  "So, thanks to @WHOM@ at once and to each one,",
  "Whom we invite to see us crown'd at @WHERE@."),
  con = infile)

## create the symbol table
z = list(WHAT="measure, time and place", WHOM="all", WHERE="Scone")

## run copySubstitute
copySubstitute(infile, outfile, z)

## display the results
readLines(outfile)



##--------------------------------------------------------------
## This is a slightly more complicated example that demonstrates
## how copySubstitute works on nested directories
##--------------------------------------------------------------
d = tempdir()
my.dir.create = function(x) {dir.create(x); return(x)}

unlink(file.path(d, "src"), recursive=TRUE)
unlink(file.path(d, "dest"), recursive=TRUE)

## create some directories and files:
src  = my.dir.create(file.path(d, "src"))
dest = file.path(d, "dest")
d1   = my.dir.create(file.path(src, "dir1.in"))
d2   = my.dir.create(file.path(src, "dir2@FOO@.in"))
d3   = my.dir.create(file.path(d2, "dir3"))
d4   = my.dir.create(file.path(d3, "dir4"))
```

```
d5   = my.dir.create(file.path(d4, "dir5@BAR@"))
writeLines(c("File1:", "FOO: @FOO@"),     file.path(d1, "file1.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File2:", "BAR: @BAR@"),     file.path(d2, "file2.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File3:", "SUN: @SUN@"),     file.path(d3, "file3.txt.in"))
writeLines(c("File4:", "MOON: @MOON@"),   file.path(d4, "@SUN@.txt"))

## call copySubstitute
copySubstitute(src, dest, recursive=TRUE,
               symbolValues = list(FOO="thefoo", BAR="thebar",
                                   SUN="thesun", MOON="themoon"))

## view the result
listsrc  = dir(src,  full.names=TRUE, recursive=TRUE)
listdest = dir(dest, full.names=TRUE, recursive=TRUE)
listsrc
listdest

cat(unlist(lapply(listsrc,  readLines)), sep="\n")
cat(unlist(lapply(listdest, readLines)), sep="\n")
```

`createPackage` *Create a Package Directory from a Template*

Description

Create a package directory from a template, with symbol-value substitution

Usage

```
createPackage(pkgname, destinationDir, originDir, symbolValues, unlink=FALSE, qu
```

Arguments

`pkgname`	Character. The name of the package to be written.
`destinationDir`	Character. The path to a directory where the package is to be written.
`originDir`	Character. The path to a directory that contains the template package. Usually, this will contain a file named `DESCRIPTION`, and subdirectories `R`, `man`, `data`. In all files and filenames, symbols will be replaced by their respective values, see the parameter `symbolValues`.
`symbolValues`	Named list of character strings. The symbol-to-value mapping. See `copySubstitute` for details.
`unlink`	Logical. If `TRUE`, and `destinationDir` already contains a file or directory with the name `pkgname`, try to unlink (remove) it.
`quiet`	Logical. If `TRUE`, do not print information messages.

Details

The intended use of this function is for the automated mass production of data packages, such as the microarray annotation, CDF, and probe sequence packages.

No syntactic or other checking of the package is performed. For this, use R CMD check.

The symbols `@PKGNAME@` and `@DATE@` are automatically defined with the values of `pkgname` and `date()`, respectively.

Value

The function returns a `list` with one element `pkgdir`: the path to the package.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber `http://www.dkfz.de/mga/whuber`

See Also

`copySubstitute`, the reference manual *Writing R extensions*.

Examples

```
sym  = list(AUTHOR = "Hesiod", VERSION = "1.0",
       TITLE = "the nine muses",
       FORMAT = "Character vector containg the names of the 9 muses.")

res  = createPackage("muses",
         destinationDir = tempdir(),
         originDir      = system.file("Code", package="Biobase"),
         symbolValues   = sym,
         unlink = TRUE, quiet = FALSE)

muses = c("Calliope", "Clio", "Erato", "Euterpe", "Melpomene",
          "Polyhymnia", "Terpsichore", "Thalia", "Urania")

dir.create(file.path(res$pkgdir, "data"))

save(muses, file = file.path(res$pkgdir, "data", "muses.rda"))

res$pkgdir
```

`data:aaMap` *Dataset: Names and Characteristics of Amino Acids*

Description

The `aaMap` data frame has 20 rows and 6 columns. Includes elementary information about amino acids.

Usage

```
data(aaMap)
```

Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

name amino acid name

let.1 one-letter code

let.3 three-letter code

scProp side chain property at pH 7 (polar/nonpolar)

hyPhilic logical: side chain is hydrophilic at pH 7

acidic logical: side chain is acidic at pH 7

Source

Nei M and Kumar S: Molecular evolution and phylogenetics (Oxford 2000), Table 1.2

Examples

```
data(aaMap)
```

`data:geneData` *Sample expression matrix and phenotype data.frames.*

Description

The `geneData` data.frame has 500 rows and 26 columns. It consists of a subset of real expression data from an Affymetrix U95v2 chip. The data are anonymous. The covariate data `geneCov` and `geneCovariate` are made up. The standard error data `seD` is also made up.

Usage

```
data(geneData)
```

Format

A 500 by 26 data frame.

Source

The J. Ritz Laboratory (S. Chiaretti).

Examples

```
data(geneData)
data(geneCovariate)
data(seD)
```

`reporter` *Example data.frame representing reporter information*

Description

The `reporter` object is a 500 by 1 data frame. The rows represent the 500 probe IDs in the `geneData` data. The values in `reporter` are the predefined probe types for the probes. `reporter` is used in conjunction with the `geneData` object and its associates.

Usage

```
data(reporter)
```

Format

A 500 by 1 data frame

Details

There are 10 predefined probe types:

- `AFFX-` Quality Control (QC)
- `_f_` SequenceFamily
- `_g_` CommonGroups
- `_s_` SimilarityConstraint
- `_r_` RulesDropped
- `_i_` Incomplete
- `_b_` AmbiguousProbeSet
- `_l_` LongProbeSet
- `_at` AntiSenseTarget
- `_st` SenseTarget

Source

Affymetrix GeneChip Expression Analysis Data Analysis Fundamentals (`http://www.affymetrix.com/Auth/support/downloads/manuals/data_analysis_fundamentals_manual.pdf`)

Examples

```
data(reporter)
## maybe str(reporter) ; plot(reporter) ...
```

`data:sample.ExpressionSet` *Dataset of class 'ExpressionSet'*

Description

The expression data are real but anonymized. The data are from an experiment that used Affymetrix U95v2 chips. The data were processed by dChip and then exported to R for analysis.

The data illustrate `ExpressionSet-class`, with `assayData` containing the required matrix element `exprs` and an additional matrix `se.exprs`. `se.exprs` has the same dimensions as `exprs`.

The phenoData and standard error estimates (se.exprs) are made up. The information in the "description" slot is fake.

Usage

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
```

Format

The data for 26 cases, labeled A to Z and 500 genes. Each case has three covariates: sex (male/female); type (case/control); and score (testing score).

Examples

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
```

`data:sample.MultiSet` *Data set of class 'MultiSet'*

Description

The expression data are real but anonymized. The data are from an experiment that used Affymetrix U95v2 chips. The data were processed by dChip and then exported to R for analysis.

The phenoData, standard error estimates, and description data are fake.

Usage

```
data(sample.MultiSet)
```

Format

The data for 4 cases, labeled a to d and 500 genes. Each case has five covariates: SlideNumber: number; FileName: name; Cy3: genotype labeled Cy3; Cy5: genotype labeled Cy5; Date: date.

Examples

```
data(sample.MultiSet)
```

`description` *Retrieve and set overall experimental information eSet-like classes.*

Description

These generic functions access experimental information associated with `eSet-class`.

Usage

```
description(object, ...)
description(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from class `eSet-class`.
`value`	Structured information describing the experiment, e.g., of `MIAME-class`.
`...`	Further arguments to be used by other methods.

Value

`description` returns an object of `MIAME-class`.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `MIAME-class`

`dge` *Accessors and generic functions used in the context of count datasets*

Description

These generic functions provide basic interfaces to operations on and data access to count datasets.

Usage

```
counts(object, ...)
counts(object, ...) <- value
dispTable(object, ...)
dispTable(object, ...)  <- value
sizeFactors(object, ...)
sizeFactors(object, ...) <- value
conditions(object, ...)
conditions(object, ...) <- value
design(object, ...)
design(object, ...) <- value
estimateSizeFactors(object, ...)
estimateDispersions(object, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object of class for which methods are defined, e.g., `CountDataSet` or `ExonCountSet`.
`value`	Value to be assigned to corresponding components of `object`; supported types depend on method implementation.
`...`	Further arguments, perhaps used by metohds

Details

For the details, please consult the manual pages of the methods in the `DESeq` and `DEXSeq` packages and the package vignettes.

Author(s)

W. Huber, S. Anders

`dims` *Retrieve dimensions of all elements in a list or environment*

Description

This function returns the dimensions of element members in lists or environments such as `AssayData-class`.

Usage

```
dims(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	List or environment object containing one or several matrices

Value

matrix of row and column dimensions, (in rows) for each element in `object` (columns).

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`

`dumpPackTxt` *Dump Textual Description of a Package*

Description

Dump textual description of a package

Usage

```
dumpPackTxt(package)
```

Arguments

`package`	Character string naming an R package

Details

dumps DESCRIPTION and INDEX files from package sources

Value

`stdout` output

Note

Other approaches using formatDL are feasible

Author(s)

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Examples

```
dumpPackTxt("stats")
```

`esApply` *An apply-like function for ExpressionSet and related structures.*

Description

`esApply` is a wrapper to `apply` for use with `ExpressionSet`s. The application of a function to rows of an expression array usually involves variables in `pData`. `esApply` uses a special evaluation paradigm to make this easy. The function `FUN` may reference any data in `pData` by name.

Usage

```
esApply(X, MARGIN, FUN, ...)
```

Arguments

`X`	An instance of class `ExpressionSet`.
`MARGIN`	The margin to apply to, either 1 for rows (samples) or 2 for columns (features).
`FUN`	Any function
`...`	Additional parameters for `FUN`.

Details

The `pData` from `X` is installed in an environment. This environment is installed as the environment of `FUN`. This will then provide bindings for any symbols in `FUN` that are the same as the names of the `pData` of `X`. If `FUN` has an environment already it is retained but placed after the newly created environment. Some variable shadowing could occur under these circumstances.

Value

The result of `with(pData(x), apply(exprs(X), MARGIN, FUN, ...))`.

Author(s)

V.J. Carey <stvjc@channing.harvard.edu>, R. Gentleman

See Also

`apply`, `ExpressionSet`

Examples

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
## sum columns of exprs
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, sum)

## t-test, spliting samples by 'sex'
f <- function(x) {
    xx <- split(x, sex)
    t.test(xx[[1]], xx[[2]])$p.value
}
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, f)
```

```
## same, but using a variable passed in the function call

f <- function(x, s) {
    xx <- split(x, s)
    mean(xx[[1]]) - mean(xx[[2]])
}
sex <- sample.ExpressionSet[["sex"]]
res <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, f, s = sex)

# obtain the p-value of the t-test for sex difference
mytt.demo <- function(y) {
 ys <- split(y, sex)
 t.test(ys[[1]], ys[[2]])$p.value
}
sexPValue <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, mytt.demo)

# obtain the p-value of the slope associated with score, adjusting for sex
# (if we were concerned with sign we could save the z statistic instead at coef[3,3]
myreg.demo <- function(y) {
   summary(lm(y ~ sex + score))$coef[3,4]
}
scorePValue <- esApply(sample.ExpressionSet, 1, myreg.demo)

# a resampling method
resamp <- function(ESET) {
 ntiss <- ncol(exprs(ESET))
 newind <- sample(1:ntiss, size = ntiss, replace = TRUE)
 ESET[newind,]
}

# a filter
q3g100filt <- function(eset) {
 apply(exprs(eset), 1, function(x) quantile(x,.75) > 100)
}

# filter after resampling and then apply
set.seed(123)
rest <- esApply({bool <- q3g100filt(resamp(sample.ExpressionSet)); sample.ExpressionSet[b
                1, mytt.demo)
```

`exprs` *Retrieve expression data from eSets.*

Description

These generic functions access the expression and error measurements of assay data stored in an object derived from the `eSet-class`.

Usage

```
exprs(object)
exprs(object) <- value
se.exprs(object)
se.exprs(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object derived from class `eSet`.
`value`	Matrix with rows representing features and columns samples.

Value

`exprs` returns a (usually large!) matrix of expression values; `se.exprs` returns the corresponding matrix of standard errors, when available.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`featureData` *Retrieve information on features recorded in eSet-derived classes.*

Description

These generic functions access feature data (experiment specific information about features) and feature meta-data (e.g., descriptions of feature covariates).

Usage

```
featureData(object)
featureData(object) <- value
fData(object)
fData(object) <- value
fvarLabels(object)
fvarLabels(object) <- value
fvarMetadata(object)
fvarMetadata(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from `eSet-class` or `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`.
`value`	Value to be assigned to corresponding object.

Value

`featureData` returns an object containing information on both variable values and variable metadata. `fvarLabels` returns a character vector of measured variable names. `fData` returns a data frame with features as rows, variables as columns. `fvarMetadata` returns a data frame with variable names as rows, description tags (e.g., unit of measurement) as columns.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet`, `ExpressionSet`

`featureNames` *Retrieve feature and sample names from eSets.*

Description

These generic functions access the feature names (typically, gene or SNP identifiers) and sample names stored in an object derived from the `eSet-class`.

Usage

```
featureNames(object)
featureNames(object) <- value
sampleNames(object)
sampleNames(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from class `eSet`.
`value`	Character vector containing feature or sample names.

Value

`featureNames` returns a (usually long!) character vector uniquely identifying each feature.`sampleNames` returns a (usually shorter) character vector identifying samples.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`getPkgVigs` *List Vignette Files for a Package*

Description

This function will return a listing of all vignettes stored in a package's `doc` directory.

Usage

```
getPkgVigs(package = NULL)
```

Arguments

`package`	A character vector of packages to search or `NULL`. The latter is for all attached packages (in `search()`).

Value

A data.frame with columns `package`, `filename`, `title`.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry, modifications by Wolfgang Huber.

See Also

`openVignette`

Examples

```
z <- getPkgVigs()
z # and look at them
```

`isCurrent` *Use version information to test whether class is current*

Description

This generic function uses `Versioned-class` information to ask whether an instance of a class (e.g., read from disk) has current version information.

By default, `isCurrent` has the following behaviors:

`isCurrent(Versioned-instance)` Returns a vector of logicals, indicating whether each version matches the current version from the class prototype.

`isCurrent(ANY)` Return `NA`, indicating that the version cannot be determined

`isCurrent(Versioned-instance, "class")` Returns a logical vector indicating whether version identifiers shared between `Versioned-instance` and `"class"` are current.

Starting with R-2.6 / Bioconductor 2.1 / Biobase 1.15.1, `isCurrent(Versioned-instance, ...)` returns an element `S4` indicating whether the class has the 'S4' bit set; a value of `FALSE` indicates that the object needs to be recreated.

Usage

```
isCurrent(object, value)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object whose version is to be determined, as described above.
`value`	(Optional) character string identifying a class with which to compare versions.

Value

`isCurrent` returns a logical vector.

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

`Versions-class`

Examples

```
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")
isCurrent(obj)

isCurrent(1:10) # NA

setClass("A", contains="VersionedBiobase",
         prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(A="1.0.0"))))

a <- new("A")
classVersion(a)

isCurrent(a, "VersionedBiobase") # is the 'VersionedBiobase' portion current?
classVersion(a)["A"] <- "1.0.1"
classVersion(a)
isCurrent(a, "VersionedBiobase")
isCurrent(a) # more recent, so does not match 'current' defined by prototype

removeClass("A")
```

`isUnique` *Determine Unique Elements*

Description

Determines which elements of a vector occur exactly once.

Usage

```
isUnique(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	a vector

Value

A logical vector of the same length as `x`, in which `TRUE` indicates uniqueness.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber

See Also

`unique`,`duplicated`.

Examples

```
x <- c(9:20, 1:5, 3:7, 0:8)
isUnique(x)
```

`isVersioned` *Determine whether object or class contains versioning information*

Description

This generic function checks to see whether `Versioned-class` information is present. When the argument to `isVersioned` is a character string, the prototype of the class corresponding to the string is consulted.

By default, `isVersioned` has the following behaviors:

`isVersioned(Versioned-instance)` Returns `TRUE` when the instance have version information.

`isCurrent("class-name")` Returns `TRUE` when the named class extends `Versioned-class`.

`isVersioned(ANY)` Returns `FALSE`

Usage

```
isVersioned(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object or class name to check for version information, as described above.

Value

`isVersioned` returns a logical indicating whether version information is present.

Author(s)

Biocore team

See Also

`Versions-class`

Examples

```
obj <- new("VersionedBiobase")
isVersioned(obj)

isVersioned(1:10) # FALSE

setClass("A", contains="VersionedBiobase",
         prototype=prototype(new("VersionedBiobase", versions=c(A="1.0.0"))))
a <- new("A")
isVersioned(a)

removeClass("A")
```

`lcSuffix` *Compute the longest common prefix or suffix of a string*

Description

These functions find the longest common prefix or suffix among the strings in a character vector.

Usage

```
lcPrefix(x, ignore.case=FALSE)
lcPrefixC(x, ignore.case=FALSE)
lcSuffix(x, ignore.case=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`x`	a character vector.
`ignore.case`	A logical value indicating whether or not to ignore the case in making comparisons.

Details

Computing the longest common suffix is helpful for truncating names of objects, like microarrays, that often have a common suffix, such as .CEL.

There are some potential problems with the approach used if multibyte character encodings are being used.

`lcPrefixC` is a faster implementation in C. It only handles ascii characters.

Value

The common prefix or suffix.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`nchar`, `nchar`

Examples

```
s1 <- c("ABC.CEL", "DEF.CEL")
lcSuffix(s1)

s2 <- c("ABC.123", "ABC.456")
lcPrefix(s2)


CHK <- stopifnot

CHK(".CEL" == lcSuffix(s1))
CHK("bc" == lcSuffix(c("abc", "333abc", "bc")))
CHK("c" == lcSuffix(c("c", "abc", "xxxc")))
CHK("" == lcSuffix(c("c", "abc", "xxx")))

CHK("ABC." == lcPrefix(s2))
CHK("ab" == lcPrefix(c("abcd", "abcd123", "ab", "abc", "abc333333")))
CHK("a" == lcPrefix(c("abcd", "abcd123", "ax")))
CHK("a" == lcPrefix(c("a", "abcd123", "ax")))
CHK("" == lcPrefix(c("a", "abc", "xxx")))

CHK("ab" == lcPrefixC(c("abcd", "abcd123", "ab", "abc", "abc333333")))
CHK("a" == lcPrefixC(c("abcd", "abcd123", "ax")))
CHK("a" == lcPrefixC(c("a", "abcd123", "ax")))
CHK("" == lcPrefixC(c("a", "abc", "xxx")))
```

`listLen` *Lengths of list elements*

Description

This function returns an integer vector with the length of the elements of its argument, which is expected to be a list.

Usage

```
listLen(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	A list

Details

This function returns a vector of the same length as the list `x` containing the lengths of each element.

The current implementation is intended for lists containing vectors and the C-level length function is used to determine length. This means no dispatch is done for the elements of the list. If your list contains S4 objects, you should use `sapply(x, length)` instead.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry and R. Gentleman

See Also

`sapply`

Examples

```
foo = lapply(1:8, rnorm)
listLen(foo)
```

`makeDataPackage` *Make an R package from a data object*

Description

This generic creates a valid R package from an R data object.

Usage

```
makeDataPackage(object, author, email,
                packageName=deparse(substitute(object)),
                packageVersion=package_version("1.0.0"),
                license="Artistic-2.0",
                biocViews="ExperimentData",
                filePath=tempdir(),
                ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An instance of an R data object.
`author`	The author, as a character string.
`email`	A valid email address for the maintainer, as a character string.
`packageName`	The name of the package, defaults to the name of the object instance.
`packageVersion`	The version number, as a character string.
`license`	The license, as a character string.
`biocViews`	A character vector of valid biocViews views.
`filePath`	The location to create the package.
`...`	Additional arguments to specific methods.

Details

The function makes use of various tools in R and Bioconductor to automatically generate the source files for a valid R package.

Value

The return value is that from a call to `link{createPackage}` which is invoked once the default arguments are set up. The data instance is stored in the data directory with a name the same as that of the resulting package.

Note

Developers implementing derived methods might force correct package name evaluation by including 'packageName' in any `callNextMethod()`.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`createPackage`

Examples

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
## package created in tempdir()
s1 <- makeDataPackage(sample.ExpressionSet,
                      author = "Foo Author",
                      email = "foo@bar",
                      packageName = "FooBarPkg",
                      packageVersion = "1.0.0")
```

`matchpt` *Nearest neighbor search.*

Description

Find the nearest neighbors of a set of query points in the same or another set of points in an n-dimensional real vector space, using the Euclidean distance.

Usage

```
matchpt(x, y)
```

Arguments

`x`	A matrix (or vector) of coordinates. Each row represents a point in an `ncol(x)`-dimensional real vector space.
`y`	Optional, matrix (or vector) with the same number of columns as `x`.

Details

If `y` is provided, the function searches for each point in `x` its nearest neighbor in `y`. If `y` is missing, it searches for each point in `x` its nearest neighbor in `x`, excluding that point itself. In the case of ties, only the neighbor with the smaller index is given.

The implementation is simple and of complexity `nrow(x)` times `nrow(y)`. For larger problems, please consider one of the many more efficient nearest neighbor search algorithms.

Value

A `data.frame` with two columns and `nrow(x)` rows. The first column is the index of the nearest neighbor, the second column the distance to the nearest neighbor. If `y` was given, the index is a row number in `y`, otherwise, in `x`. The row names of the result are those of `x`.

Author(s)

Oleg Sklyar `<osklyar@ebi.ac.uk>`

Examples

```
a <- matrix(c(2,2,3,5,1,8,-1,4,5,6), ncol=2L, nrow=5L)
rownames(a) = LETTERS[seq_len(nrow(a))]
matchpt(a)
b <- c(1,2,4,5,6)
d <- c(5.3, 3.2, 8.9, 1.3, 5.6, -6, 4.45, 3.32)
matchpt(b, d)
matchpt(d, b)
```

`multiassign` *Assign Values to a Names*

Description

Assign values to names in an environment.

Usage

```
multiassign(x, value, envir = parent.frame(), inherits=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`x`	A vector or list of names, represented by strings.
`value`	a vector or list of values to be assigned.
`envir`	the `environment` to use. See the details section.
`inherits`	should the enclosing frames of the environment be inspected?

Details

The `pos` argument can specify the environment in which to assign the object in any of several ways: as an integer (the position in the `search` list); as the character string name of an element in the search list; or as an `environment` (including using `sys.frame` to access the currently active function calls). The `envir` argument is an alternative way to specify an environment, but is primarily there for back compatibility.

If `value` is missing and `x` has names then the values in each element of `x` are assigned to the names of `x`.

Value

This function is invoked for its side effect, which is assigning the `values` to the variables in `x`. If no `envir` is specified, then the assignment takes place in the currently active environment.

If `inherits` is `TRUE`, enclosing environments of the supplied environment are searched until the variable `x` is encountered. The value is then assigned in the environment in which the variable is encountered. If the symbol is not encountered then assignment takes place in the user's workspace (the global environment).

If `inherits` is `FALSE`, assignment takes place in the initial frame of `envir`.

Examples

```
#-- Create objects  'r1', 'r2', ... 'r6' --
nam <- paste("r",1:6, sep=".")

multiassign(nam, 11:16)
ls(pat="^r..$")

#assign the values in y to variables with the names from y

y<-list(a=4,d=mean,c="aaa")
multiassign(y)
```

`note` *Informational Messages*

Description

Generates an informational message that corresponds to its argument(s). Similar to warning() except prefaced by "Note:" instead of "Warning message:".

Usage

```
note(...)
```

Arguments

`...`	character vectors (which are pasted together) or NULL

Details

This function essentially cat()'s the created string to the screen. It is intended for messages to the user that are deemed to be 'informational', as opposed to warnings, etc.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

See Also

`warning`,`stop`

Examples

```
   note("This is an example of a note")
```

`notes` *Retrieve and set eSet notes.*

Description

These generic functions access notes (unstructured descriptive data) associated `eSet-class`.

`notes(<ExpressionSet>) <- <character>` is unusual, in that the character vector is appended to the list of notes; use `notes(<ExpressionSet>) <- <list>` to entirely replace the list.

Usage

```
notes(object)
notes(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from class `eSet-class`.
`value`	Character vector containing unstructured information describing the experinement.

Value

`notes` returns a list.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`openPDF` *Open PDF Files in a Standard Viewer*

Description

Displays the specified PDF file.

Usage

```
openPDF(file, bg=TRUE)
```

Arguments

`file`	A character string, indicating the file to view
`bg`	Should the pdf viewer be opened in the background.

Details

Currently this function works on Windows and Unix platforms. Under Windows, whatever program is associated with the file extension will be used. Under Unix, the function will use the program named in the

option "pdfviewer" (see `help(options)` for information on how this is set.)

The `bg` argument is only interpreted on Unix.

Value

This function is executed for its side effects. The specified PDF file is opened in the PDF viewer and `TRUE` is returned.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

Examples

```
## Not run: openPDF("annotate.pdf")
```

`openVignette` *Open a Vignette or Show Vignette Selection Menu*

Description

Using the data returned by `vignette` this function provides a simple easy to use interface for opening vignettes.

Usage

```
openVignette(package=NULL)
```

Arguments

`package`	character string indicating the package to be used.

Details

If `package` is NULL then all packages are scanned for vignettes. The list of vignettes is presented to the user via the `menu` command. The user may select one of the vignettes to be opened in a PDF viewer.

Value

No value is returned; this function is run entirely for the side effect of opening the pdf document in the PDF viewer.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`vignette`, `openPDF`, `menu`, `getPkgVigs`

Examples

```
if( interactive() )
  openVignette("Biobase")
```

`package.version` *Report Version of a Package*

Description

Will report the version number of a requested installed package

Usage

```
package.version(pkg, lib.loc = NULL)
```

Arguments

`pkg`	The name of the package
`lib.loc`	a character vector describing the location of R library trees to search through, or 'NULL'. The default value of 'NULL' corresponds to all libraries currently known.

Details

This function is a convenience wrapper around `package.description`, and will report simply the version number of the requested package. If the package does not exist or if the DESCRIPTION file can not be read, then an error will be thrown.

Value

A character string reporting the version number.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

See Also

`package.description`

Examples

```
package.version("Biobase")
```

`phenoData` *Retrieve information on experimental phenotypes recorded in eSet and ExpressionSet-derived classes.*

Description

These generic functions access the phenotypic data (e.g., covariates) and meta-data (e.g., descriptions of covariates) associated with an experiment.

Usage

```
phenoData(object)
phenoData(object) <- value
varLabels(object)
varLabels(object) <- value
varMetadata(object)
varMetadata(object) <- value
pData(object)
pData(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from `eSet-class` or `AnnotatedDataFrame`.
`value`	Value to be assigned to corresponding object.

Value

`phenoData` returns an object containing information on both variable values and variable meta-data. `varLabels` returns a character vector of measured variables. `pData` returns a data frame with samples as rows, variables as columns. `varMetadata` returns a data frame with variable names as rows, description tags (e.g., unit of measurement) as columns.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`protocolData` *Protocol Metadata*

Description

This generic function handles methods for adding and retrieving protocol metadata for the samples in eSets.

Usage

```
protocolData(object)
protocolData(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object derived from class eSet
`value`	Object of class AnnotatedDataFrame

Value

`protocolData(object)` returns an AnnotatedDataFrame containing the protocol metadata for the samples.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`phenoData`, `AnnotatedDataFrame-class`, `eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`read.AnnotatedDataFrame`
Read 'AnnotatedDataFrame'

Description

Create an instance of class AnnotatedDataFrame by reading a file.

Usage

```
read.AnnotatedDataFrame(filename, path,
     sep = "\t", header = TRUE, quote = "", stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
     row.names = 1L,
     varMetadata.char="#",
     widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets,
     sampleNames = character(0), ...)
```

Arguments

`filename`	file or connection from which to read.
`path`	(optional) directory in which to find `filename`.
`row.names`	this argument gets passed on to `read.table` and will be used for the row names of the phenoData slot.
`varMetadata.char`	lines beginning with this character are used for the `varMetadata` slot. See examples.

`sep, header, quote, stringsAsFactors, ...`	further arguments that get passed on to `read.table`.
`widget`	logical. Currently this is *not* implemented, and setting this option to `TRUE` will result in an error. In a precursor of this function, `read.phenoData`, this option could be used to open an interactive GUI widget for entering the data.
`sampleNames`	optional argument that could be used in conjunction with `widget`; do not use.

Details

The function `read.table` is used to read `pData`. The argument `varMetadata.char` is passed on to that function as its argument `comment.char`. Lines beginning with `varMetadata.char` are expected to contain further information on the column headers of `pData`. The format is of the form: `# variable: textual explanation of the variable, units, measurement method, etc.` (assuming that `#` is the value of `varMetadata.char`). See also examples.

Value

An instance of class `AnnotatedDataFrame`

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org> and Wolfgang Huber, based on `read.phenoData` by Rafael A. Irizarry.

See Also

`AnnotatedDataFrame` for additional methods, `read.table` for details of reading in phenotypic data

Examples

```
exampleFile = system.file("extdata", "pData.txt", package="Biobase")

adf <- read.AnnotatedDataFrame(exampleFile)
adf
head(pData(adf))
head(noquote(readLines(exampleFile)), 11)
```

`read.MIAME` *Read MIAME Information into an Instance of Class 'MIAME'*

Description

Reads MIAME information from a file or using a widget.

Usage

```
read.MIAME(filename = NULL, widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets, ...)
```

Arguments

`filename`	Filename from which to read MIAME information.
`widget`	Logical. If `TRUE` and a filename is not given, a widget is used to enter information.
`...`	Further arguments to `scan`.

Details

Notice that the `MIAME` class tries to cover the MIAME entries that are not covered by other classes in Bioconductor. Namely, experimental design, samples, hybridizations, normalization controls, and pre-processing information.

The function `scan` is used to read. The file must be a flat file with the different entries for the instance of MIAME class separated by carriage returns. The order should be: name, lab, contact, title, abstract, and url.

Alternatively a widget can be used.

Value

An object of class `MIAME`.

Author(s)

Rafael Irizarry <rafa@jhu.edu>

See Also

`MIAME`,`tkMIAME`

Examples

```
miame <- read.MIAME(widget=FALSE) ##creates an empty instance
show(miame)
```

`readExpressionSet` *Read 'ExpressionSet'*

Description

Create an instance of class ExpressionSet by reading data from files. 'widget' functionality is not implemented for readExpressionSet.

Usage

```
readExpressionSet(exprsFile,
      phenoDataFile,
      experimentDataFile,
      notesFile,
      path,
      annotation,
      ## arguments to read.* methods
```

```
    exprsArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header, row.names=row.names,
      quote=quote, ...),
    phenoDataArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header, row.names=row.names,
      quote=quote, stringsAsFactors=stringsAsFactors, ...),
    experimentDataArgs=list(sep=sep, header=header,
      row.names=row.names, quote=quote,
      stringsAsFactors=stringsAsFactors, ...),
    sep = "\t", header = TRUE, quote = "", stringsAsFactors = FALSE,
    row.names = 1L,
    ## widget
    widget = getOption("BioC")$Base$use.widgets,
    ...)
```

Arguments

`exprsFile`	(character) File or connection from which to read expression values. The file should contain a matrix with rows as features and columns as samples. `read.table` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `exprsArgs`.
`phenoDataFile`	(character) File or connection from which to read phenotypic data. `read.AnnotatedDataFrame` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `phenoDataArgs`.
`experimentDataFile`	(character) File or connection from which to read experiment data. `read.MIAME` is called with this as its `file` argument and further arguments given by `experimentDataArgs`.
`notesFile`	(character) File or connection from which to read notes; `readLines` is used to input the file.
`path`	(optional) directory in which to find all the above files.
`annotation`	(character) A single character string indicating the annotation associated with this ExpressionSet.
`exprsArgs`	A list of arguments to be used with `read.table` when reading in the expression matrix.
`phenoDataArgs`	A list of arguments to be used (with `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`) when reading the phenotypic data.
`experimentDataArgs`	A list of arguments to be used (with `read.MIAME`) when reading the experiment data.
`sep, header, quote, stringsAsFactors, row.names`	arguments used by the `read.table`-like functions.
`widget`	A boolean value indicating whether widgets can be used. Widgets are NOT yet implemented for `read.AnnotatedDataFrame`.
`...`	Further arguments that can be passed on to the `read.table`-like functions.

Details

Expression values are read using the `read.table` function. Phenotypic data are read using the `read.AnnotatedDataFrame` function. Experiment data are read using the `read.MIAME` function. Notes are read using the `readLines` function. The return value must be a valid `ExpressionSet`. Only the `exprsFile` argument is required.

Value

An instance of the `ExpressionSet` class.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

See Also

`ExpressionSet` for additional methods.

Examples

```
exprsFile = system.file("extdata", "exprsData.txt", package="Biobase")
phenoFile = system.file("extdata", "pData.txt", package="Biobase")

## Read ExpressionSet with appropriate parameters
obj = readExpressionSet(exprsFile, phenoFile, sep = "\t", header=TRUE)
obj
```

`reverseSplit` *A function to reverse the role of names and values in a list.*

Description

Given a list with names `x` and values in a set `y` this function returns a list with names in `y` and values in `x`.

Usage

```
reverseSplit(inList)
```

Arguments

`inList`	A named list with values that are vectors.

Details

First the list is unrolled to provide a two long vectors, names are repeated, once for each of their values. Then the names are `split` by the values.

This turns out to be useful for inverting mappings between one set of identifiers and an other.

Value

A list with length equal to the number of distinct values in the input list and values from the names of the input list.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`split`

Examples

```
l1 = list(a=1:4, b=c(2,3), d=c(4,5))
reverseSplit(l1)
```

`rowMedians` *Calculates the median for each row in a matrix*

Description

Calculates the median for each row in a matrix.

Usage

```
rowMedians(imat, na.rm=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`imat`	A `numeric` `matrix`.
`na.rm`	If `TRUE`, `NA`s are excluded before calculating the medians, otherwise not.
`...`	Not use.

Value

Returns a `double` `vector` of length equal to number of rows in `x`.

Missing values

Missing values are excluded before calculating the medians.

Benchmarking

This implementation is optimized for speed and memory to calculate. As the example shows, this implementation is roughly 3-10 times faster than using `apply(x, MARGIN=1, FUN=medians)`. As the example might show, the `rowQ()` does not (have to) handle missing values, and is therefore in some cases faster.

Author(s)

Henrik Bengtsson

See Also

See `rowMeans()` in `colSums`().

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(n=234*543)
x[sample(1:length(x), size=0.1*length(x))] <- NA
dim(x) <- c(234,543)
y1 <- rowMedians(x, na.rm=TRUE)
y2 <- apply(x, MARGIN=1, FUN=median, na.rm=TRUE)
stopifnot(all.equal(y1, y2))

x <- cbind(x1=3, x2=c(4:1, 2:5))
stopifnot(all.equal(rowMeans(x), rowMedians(x)))
```

`rowQ` *A function to compute empirical row quantiles.*

Description

This function computes the requested quantile for each row of a matrix, or of an `ExpressionSet`.

Usage

```
rowQ(imat, which)
rowMax(imat)
rowMin(imat)
```

Arguments

`imat`	Either a matrix or an `ExpressionSet`.
`which`	An integer indicating which order statistic should be returned.

Details

`rowMax`, `rowMin` and `rowMedians` simply call `rowQ` with the appropriate argument set.

The argument `which` takes values between 1, for the minimum per row, and `ncol(imat)`, for the maximum per row.

Value

A vector of length equal to the number of rows of the input matrix containing the requested quantiles.

Author(s)

R. Gentleman

See Also

`rowMedians`. `rowMeans()` in `colSums`().

Examples

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
rowMin(sample.ExpressionSet)
rowQ(sample.ExpressionSet, 4)
```

`selectChannels` *Create a new NChannelSet instance by selecting specific channels*

Description

This generic function extracts specific elements from an object, returning a instance of that object.

Usage

```
selectChannels(object, names, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	An S4 object, typically derived from class `eSet`
`names`	Character vector of named channels.
`...`	Additional arguments.

Value

Instance of class `object`.

Author(s)

Biocore

Examples

```
obj <- new("NChannelSet",
           R=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5),
           G=matrix(runif(100), 20, 5))

## G channel as NChannelSet
selectChannels(obj, "G")
```

`selectSome` *Extract elements of a vector for concise rendering*

Description

Extract the first and last several elements of a vector for concise rendering; insert ellipses to indicate elided elements. This function is primarily meant for developer rather than end-user use.

Usage

```
selectSome(obj, maxToShow=5)
```

Arguments

`obj`	A vector.
`maxToShow`	The number of elements (including "...") to render.

Details

This function can be used in 'show' methods to give users exemplars of the tokens used in a vector. For example, an `ExpressionSet` built from a yeast experiment might have features enumerated using systematic gene names (e.g., YPR181C) or standard gene names (e.g., SEC23). The `show` method for `ExpressionSet` uses `selectSome` to alert the user to the tokens used, and thereby to indicate what vocabulary must be understood to work with the feature names.

Value

A string vector with at most `maxToShow` plus 1 elements, where an ellipsis ("...") is included to indicate incompleteness of the excerpt.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

Examples

```
selectSome(1:20)
```

`snpCall` *Get and retrieve SNP call and call probability data.*

Description

These generic functions access the calls and call probabilities stored in objects.

Usage

```
snpCall(object, ...)
snpCall(object, ...) <- value
snpCallProbability(object, ...)
snpCallProbability(object, ...) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, possibly derived from class `SnpSet`.
`value`	Matrix with rows representing SNP calls or call probabilities and columns samples.
`...`	Additional arguments available to methods.

Value

`snpCall` returns a matrix of SNP calls; `snpCallProbability` returns the corresponding matrix of standard errors, when available.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`SnpSet-class`

`storageMode` *Retrieve or set storage mode for eSets.*

Description

These generic functions report or change the storage mode used for `assayData`.

Usage

```
storageMode(object)
storageMode(object) <- value
```

Arguments

`object`	Object, derived from class `eSet`
`value`	Character vector containing `"lockedEnvironment"`,`"environment"`, or `"list"`. See `AssayData-class` for details.

Value

`storageMode` returns a length-1 character vector

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`AssayData-class`, `eSet-class` `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

`strbreak` *Break Character Strings to Fit Width*

Description

Inserts line breaks (`collapse`) into input character strings. The main intention of this function is to prepare long strings for printing, so the output is not wider than `width`.

Usage

```
strbreak(x, width=getOption("width"), exdent=2, collapse="\n")
```

Arguments

`x`	a character vector
`width`	a positive integer giving the width of the output.
`exdent`	a positive integer specifying the indentation of subsequent lines after the first line.
`collapse`	a character. This is inserted to break lines.

Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber `http://www.ebi.ac.uk/huber`

See Also

`strwrap`, `substring`

Examples

```
longString = paste(rep(LETTERS, 10), collapse="", sep="")
cat(strbreak(longString))
```

`subListExtract` *Extract the same element from the sublists of a list*

Description

Given a list of lists, this function can be used to extract a named element from each sublist.

Usage

```
subListExtract(L, name, simplify = FALSE, keep.names = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`L`	A list of named lists
`name`	The name of the element in the sublists that should be extracted. This should be a length one character vector.
`simplify`	When `TRUE`, the return value will be an atomic vector. If any extracted sublist value has length not equal to one and `simplify=TRUE`, an error will be raised. When `FALSE`, a list is returned containing the extracted elements.
`keep.names`	If `TRUE` (default), the names of `L` will be attached to the returned vector.

Details

This function is implemented in C and is intended to be faster than calling `lapply` or `sapply`.

Value

If `simplify=FALSE`, a list will be returned having the same length as `L`, but with each element containing the element named `name` from the corresponding inner list of `L`.

When `simplify=TRUE`, an atomic vector will be returned containing the extracted elements. If any of the inner list elements do not have length one or cannot be put inside an atomic vector, an error will be raised.

Author(s)

Seth Falcon

Examples

```
list_size = 500000
innerL = list(foo="foo", bar="bar")
L = rep(list(innerL), list_size)

system.time({j0 = sapply(L, function(x) x$foo)})
system.time({j1 = subListExtract(L, "foo", simplify=TRUE)})
stopifnot(all.equal(j0, j1))

LS = L[1:3]
names(LS) = LETTERS[1:3]
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=TRUE)
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=FALSE)
subListExtract(LS, "bar", simplify=TRUE, keep.names=FALSE)
```

`testBioCConnection` *A function to check internet connectivity to Bioconductor*

Description

This function will attempt to determine if the user has internet connectivity to the Bioconductor website. This is useful in many situations dealing with code that uses automated downloads and other such things.

Usage

```
testBioCConnection()
```

Value

TRUE if a connection is possible, FALSE if not.

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

Examples

```
 z <- testBioCConnection()
```

`updateObject` *Update an object to its current class definition*

Description

These generic functions return an instance of `object` updated to its current class definition (or to the class definition of `template`, in the case of `updateObjectTo`).

Updating objects is primarily useful when an object has been serialized (e.g., stored to disk) for some time (e.g., months), and the class definition has in the mean time changed. Because of the changed class definition, the serialized instance is no longer valid.

`updateObject` requires that the class of the returned object be the same as the class of the argument `object`, and that the object is valid (see `validObject`). By default, `updateObject` has the following behaviors:

`updateObject(ANY, ..., verbose=FALSE)` By default, `updateObject` uses heuristic methods to determine whether the object should be the 'new' S4 type (introduced in R 2.4.0), but is not. If the heuristics indicate an update is required, the `updateObjectFromSlots` function tries to update the object. The default method returns the original S4 object or the successfully updated object, or issues an error if an update is required but not possible. The optional named argument `verbose` causes a message to be printed describing the action. Arguments `...` are passed to `link{updateObjectFromSlots}`.

`updateObject(list, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Visit each element in `list`, applying `updateObject(lis` `..., verbose=verbose)`.

`updateObject(environment, ..., verbose=FALSE)` Visit each element in `environment`, applying `updateObject(environment[[elt]], ..., verbose=verbose)`

`updateObjectTo` requires that the class of the returned object be the same as the class of the `template` argument, and that the object is valid. Usually, updating proceeds by modifying slots in `template` with information from `object`, and returning `template`. Use `as` to coerce an object from one type to another; `updateObjectTo` might be useful to update a virtual superclass. By default, `updateObjectTo` has the following behavior:

`updateObjectTo(ANY-object,ANY-template)` Attempt `as(ANY-object,class(ANY-template))`.

Sample methods are illustrated below.

`updateObjectFromSlots(object, objclass = class(object), ..., verbose=FALSE)` is a utility function that identifies the intersection of slots defined in the `object` instance and `objclass` definition. The corresponding elements in `object` are then updated (with `updateObject(elt, ..., verbose=verbose)`) and used as arguments to a call to `new(class, ...)`, with `...` replaced by slots from the original object. If this fails, `updateObjectFromSlots` then tries `new(class)` and assigns slots of `object` to the newly created instance.

`getObjectSlots(object)` extracts the slot names and contents from `object`. This is useful when `object` was created by a class definition that is no longer current, and hence the contents of `object` cannot be determined by accessing known slots.

Usage

```
updateObject(object, ..., verbose=FALSE)
updateObjectTo(object, template, ..., verbose=FALSE)
updateObjectFromSlots(object, objclass=class(object), ..., verbose=FALSE)
getObjectSlots(object)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object to be updated, or for slot information to be extracted from.
`template`	Instance representing a template for updating object.
`objclass`	Optional character string naming the class of the object to be created.
`verbose`	A logical, indicating whether information about the update should be reported. Use `message` to report this.
`...`	Additional arguments, for use in specific update methods.

Value

`updateObject` returns a valid instance of `object`. `updateObjectTo` returns a valid instance of `template`. `updateObjectFromSlots` returns an instance of class `objclass`. `getObjectSlots` returns a list of named elements, with each element corresponding to a slot in `object`.

Author(s)

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See Also

`Versions-class`

Examples

```
## update object, same class
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
obj <- updateObject(sample.ExpressionSet)

setClass("UpdtA", representation(x="numeric"), contains="data.frame")
setMethod("updateObject", signature(object="UpdtA"),
          function(object, ..., verbose=FALSE) {
              if (verbose) message("updateObject object = 'A'")
              object <- callNextMethod()
              object@x <- -object@x
              object
})

a <- new("UpdtA", x=1:10)
## See steps involved
updateObject(a)

removeClass("UpdtA")
removeMethod("updateObject", "UpdtA")
```

`updateOldESet` *Update previously created eSet object to current eSet structure*

Description

This function updates `eSet` objects created in previous versions of Biobase to the current class structure. Warnings indicate when coercions change how data in the `from` object are altered. If the `from` object was not a valid object of the original eSet class, then `updateOldESet` may fail.

Usage

```
updateOldESet(from, toClass, ...)
```

Arguments

`from`	Object created using a previous version of the eSet class.
`toClass`	Character string identifying new class, e.g., `"ExpressionSet"`
`...`	Additional arguments passed to the initialization method for class `toClass`

Value

Valid object of class `toClass`.

Author(s)

Biocore

See Also

`eSet-class`, `ExpressionSet-class`, `SnpSet-class`

Examples

```
## Not run:
updateOldESet(oldESet, "ExpressionSet")

## End(Not run)
```

`userQuery` *A function to query the user for input*

Description

This function will output a given message and seek a response from the user, repeating the message until the input is from a valid set provided by the code.

Usage

```
userQuery(msg, allowed = c("y", "n"), default = "n", case.sensitive = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`msg`	The output message
`allowed`	Allowed input from the user
`default`	Default response if called in batch mode
`case.sensitive`	Is the response case sensitive? Defaults to `FALSE`

Value

The input from the user

Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

`validMsg` *Conditionally append result to validity message*

Description

This function facilitates constructing messages during S4 class validation, and is meant for developer rather than end-user use.

Usage

```
validMsg(msg, result)
```

Arguments

`msg`	A character vector or NULL.
`result`	Any vector.

Details

This function appends `result` to `msg`, but only if `result` is a character vector.

Author(s)

Martin Morgan <mtmorgan@fhcrc.org>

Examples

```
msg <- NULL
validMsg(msg, FALSE) # still NULL
msg <- validMsg(msg, "one")
validMsg(msg, "two")
```

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